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HMB Adds 16 Missionaries, 10 Associates

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here has appointed 16 missionaries, ten missionary associates and promoted three to missionary status.

Missionaries Clifford and Amy Harris were appointed to the Central State Baptist Association in California where he will serve as superintendent of missions.

Clifford Harris, a Tennessee native, is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. A Texas native, Mrs. Harris attended Texas State College for Women and Southwestern Seminary.

Avery and Myra Sayer will serve as directors of weekday ministries in Lefrak City, New York. He is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and is a native of Georgia.

Mrs. Sayer, a native of Kuming, China, is a graduate of Hong Kong Baptist College and Southern Seminary. Both Sayers previously served as assistant lecturers at Hong Kong Baptist College.

Gayner Yancey, a Luton, Eng., native who calls Texas home, is director of weekday ministries in Philadelphia. She is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, and Southwestern Seminary.

David and Juanita Moseley were promoted to missionary status. They serve in Christian social ministries in Telegraph Center in Oakland, Calif.

David Moseley is a graduate of Wil-

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CAREY TRUSTEES APPROVE NEW PLANNING GROUP

The William Carey College Board of Trustees met in regular quarterly session on Thursday, September 13, to hear routine reports on the audit and building programs and to approve the formation of a new planning commission.

The meeting was held in the President's Dining Room of Wilkes Hall with twelve of the fifteen Board members in attendance. Also present were Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college, Academic Vice-president J. M. Ernest, Development Vice-president Hugh Dickens, and Business Manager J. D. Sims. Wiley Fairchild is president of the trustees.

Dr. Hugh Dickens, appointed Vice-president for Development in July, presented a lengthy report to the trustees concerning a proposed planning commission to be organized for the following two-fold purpose: (1) to

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Calvary Takes Bold Step

Concerning Gulfshore Assembly

By Joe H. Tuten, Pastor Calvary Church, Jackson

I have been asked by the Baptist Record and the Gulfshore Campaign Committee to share with you as fellow Mississippi Baptists something about Calvary Church's response to the Restore Gulfshore Campaign.

Insurance Draft Refunds \$50,000 To Indiana Baptists

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP) — The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, which lost more than \$84,000 during the 1967-72 period because of the alleged "mismanagement of funds" by a former convention bookkeeper, has recovered \$50,000 of that amount from the Insurance Company of North America.

The settlement was the maximum under the fidelity bond insurance policy carried by the state convention. Indiana Executive Secretary E. Harmon Moore first discovered evidence of neglected financial records

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The State Convention Board in session Sept. 24

Board Sets Record \$5,500,000 Budget, Hears Assembly Report

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in its annual principal business meeting Sept. 24, adopted a record Cooperative Program budget of \$5,500,000 for 1974 and heard an encouraging report on the current statewide "Restore Gulfshore" Campaign.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, the board's executive secretary-treasurer, said that the 1974 budget is \$300,000 higher than the 1973 outlay of \$5,200,000.

The 1974 budget will include \$5,200,000 for operational purposes with an additional \$300,000 in the advance section to be available for distribution to certain causes only after the operational section has been reached.

Presiding over the meeting, held at the Baptist Building, was Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, board president.

Dr. David Grant, of Jackson, chairman of the current statewide "Restore Gulfshore" Campaign, in making a progress report, told the board that "we are in the process of raising money to restore Gulfshore Assembly and this has been one of the most challenging and exciting adventures with which I have ever been associated."

Dr. Grant, who is also president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and pastor of Jackson's Broadmoor Baptist Church, is chairman of a committee that is seeking to raise \$1,250,000 in a convention-approved campaign, to be used toward rebuilding of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian, which was virtually destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

Continuing his report, Dr. Grant said: "The reason I say this is because I believe it is in the providence of God that we have an assembly, and even though there have been various opinions — to the extent of controversy as to where it should be located — it appears that it is God's will for it to be on the Gulf Coast."

"The fact that we ever secured the property in the beginning is evidence

to me that it was Providence that we were able to acquire it.

"The vision or idea of ever even having such a piece of property is more than just human. The romance of the way it was received is a story within its own rights."

"The destruction of the property by Camille and serious damage by an earlier hurricane, can be interpreted as God's dealing with us in regard to having the property."

"It was good, but needed to be improved and probably would never have been so apart from trouble. It is a challenge for Mississippi Baptists to unite and do something big.

The raising of this money is a sign of Providence.

"The spirit of cooperation is overwhelming. Already big churches, little churches, and middle-size churches have voted the two percent. I have seen and talked to laymen of wealth and of little means, pastors of city and country and village and town, large and small churches, who are enthusiastic about the possibilities."

"The spirit of sacrifice is evident. Even though we have not even started on the individual gift section, we have already had commitments that are evident of sacrifice. The spirit of team work is an indication of what can be done even in other areas of Mississippi Baptist life. The spirit of anticipation of the facility is mounting and we can look forward to better days among our youth, as well as leadership."

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\$37 Million SBC Budget Set For '74-75

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention set a record Cooperative Program unified budget goal for 1974-75, approved a subsidiary corporation for one of its agencies, "postponed indefinitely" a study on a SBC-sponsored travel service and approved "image magnification" for the 1974 convention in Dallas.

The 64-member body, which operates SBC business between annual sessions, also heard a challenge from SBC President Owen Cooper during the three-day meeting here.

The Executive Committee will recommend to the 1974 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention a \$37

million 1974-75 Cooperative Program goal, a \$2 million increase over the current year's total budget, including operating and capital needs.

Porter Routh, the Executive Committee's executive secretary-treasurer, announced that total operating and capital needs goal for 1973 has been passed by some \$250,000 as of Sept. 19. The fiscal year closes Sept. 30.

The Executive Committee voted to distribute the advance to SBC agencies proportionate to the operating allocations approved by the Southern Baptist Convention for the 1972-73 budget year.

The Home Mission Board, which already has the authority to buy and sell church bonds, won approval to establish a subsidiary corporation to be of greater assistance to growing churches which require bond sales for new buildings.

Permission was granted so the Home Mission Board could isolate that function from the rest of its operation to facilitate relationships with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The non-profit corporation would secure a broker-dealer license from the Securities and Exchange Commission to sell securities (church bonds), which would be purchased from churches.

WHEATON, Ill. (BP) — Southern Baptists placed more church Sunday Schools than any other group on the national listing of The 100 Largest Sunday Schools compiled here by Christian Life magazine.

The list includes 37 Southern Baptist churches and 80 Baptist churches of one variety or another. Forty-three of the top 50 churches are Baptist.

The SBC's largest church, First Baptist Church, Dallas, which runs only six Sunday school buses, reported an average weekly attendance of 5,676, finishing third behind two independent Baptist churches. They are First Baptist Church of Hammond, Ind., with 139 buses and an average attendance of 7,837, and Highland Park Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., with 18 buses and 5,756 average weekly attendance.

First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, Calif., whose pastor had earlier recommended abolishing the list because "it makes liars out of some pastors," finished fifth. It has 11 buses and 3,695 average attendance.

The independent Baptist church's pastor, Harold Fickett, said in March at a conference in Fort Worth, "Six out of the 10 largest Sunday schools (on the national list) include attendance at early morning worship services as the pastor's Sunday school class." He specifically noted that at First Baptist Church, Dallas, does not inflate its totals in such a manner.

Although agreeing with Fickett that such padding is improper, A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the SBC's Sunday School Board, said "The list of top Sunday schools creates excitement and proves that people can be reached."

"I don't know of any Southern Baptist church which pads its Sunday school with large, worship - service type attendance," Washburn said. "Southern Baptists concentrate on lay - led Bible study, approaching laymen on their level of learning."

"Inspirational early morning services do some good, but that approach alone leaves undone some of the basic elements so vital to bearing permanent fruit."

Commenting on the Baptist domination of the list, Washburn said, "The thing that ultimately creates a growing church is to center on reaching people for the Lord. If there isn't an evangelistic emphasis, it becomes purely academic. A cold, intellectual approach never attracts multitudes of people."

A breakdown of states showed Tex-

as churches led Southern Baptist representation on the list with 13. Florida followed with six and others were scattered in nine states.

Besides the 37 Southern Baptist churches, the 80 Baptist churches on the list included 23 categorized as

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Village Has New Director Of Activities

Johnny Lee Self has been named director of activities at the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson, according to an announcement by Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent.

The announcement revealed that Mr. Self assumed his responsibilities late in August with his wife, the former Terry Livingston of Long Beach and his young son, Christopher Ryal Self, he has moved to the campus on Flag Chapel Drive and is making his home at the Village.

Mr. Nunnery stated that the administration at the Village was pleased and fortunate to add Mr. Self to its staff as a part of a growing and expanding ministry to the total lives of the neglected and dependent Mississippi boys and girls who come to the Village for care.

"God has blessed our child care efforts at the Village", Mr. Nunnery stated, "and it is my conviction that the quality, training, experience and consecration of our staff ranks high on the list of our choicest blessings, and is primarily responsible for the measure of success we have experienced in bringing the safety and strength of the Christian home into the lives of our children. Mr. Self's commitment to the needs of youth, his record of service to youth in church and school are in the highest tradition of quality service which our ministry seeks to offer."

"Coach Self" as he is said to be best known to Village children, was educated in the public schools of Lexington, at Holmes Junior College and

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Cooper Suggests Areas For Study By Convention

NASHVILLE (BP) — Owen Cooper, drawing on his experiences as Southern Baptist Convention president and former SBC Executive Committee chairman, suggested here some areas Southern Baptists need to study and probe carefully during the next few years.

Addressing the Executive Committee during its three-day meeting here, the widely-traveled layman from Yazoo City, Miss., suggested that "the general philosophy of the Executive Committee should be made more positive."

Cooper also touched on the tongues movement, the name of the Southern

Baptist Convention, greater involvement of state executive secretaries in SBC activities, the method of presenting resolutions to the SBC, clearer retirement policies by SBC agencies, wider representation on SBC bodies, better use of Southern Baptist volunteers, increased support for the SBC's unified Cooperative Program budget and the historic significance of the 1976 convention in Norfolk, Va.

"I say this in love," the SBC president emphasized, "but less time should be given (by the Executive Committee) toward finding reasons why things can't be done" and adjudicated.

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Series Of Five Sunday School Conventions Planned

A series of five "People to People" regional Baptist Sunday School conventions will be held in the state Oct.

8-12, according to Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, director of the Sunday School Department, sponsor.

Baptist Sunday school leaders and workers from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will partic-

ipate on the program of these meetings, the theme of which will be "How To Teach Next Sunday."

The faculty for the conventions will be as follows:

Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer-elect of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Mr. Cummings, and Ben Smith, minister of education, Sherwood Baptist Church, Odessa, Texas, general officers; Mrs. Barbara Floyd, special worker, Dallas, Texas, younger preschool; Miss Nora Padgett, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., older preschool; Mrs. Peggy Kisinger, special worker, Vicksburg, younger children; Mrs. Betty Allnatt, state Baptist Sunday School Depart-

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Kelly

Padgett

Pierce

Allnatt

Cummings



Smith



Dean



Goodson



Stuart



Floyd



Rives



Kissinger



King

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ment, Middletown, Ky., middle children; Miss Elsie Rives, Sunday School Board, older children; Dr. James Goodson, Sunday School Board, youth life and work; Mrs. B. J. Dean, special worker, Ocean Springs, youth-uniform; Dr. Rice Pierce, Sunday School Board, adult life and work; Dr. Herman L. King, Nashville, adult-uniform, and Mrs. George Stewart, special worker, Dallas, Texas, adult dept.-class officers. Dr. Kelly will be present at the

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday meetings only.

All local Sunday school teachers and officers are urged to attend the convention most convenient.

The schedule is as follows: Oct. 8—First Baptist Church, New Albany; 9—First, Greenwood; 10—Morrison Heights, Clinton; 11—Highland, Laurel; 12—Grace Memorial, Gulfport.

All the conventions will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. except the Clinton meeting which will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Gulfshore Assembly

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domiciled in Jackson, namely the Baptist Children's Village and Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Four and really the big reason, our church is faced immediately with a major renovation of our own facilities.

Calvary across the years has given generously through the Cooperative Program, to the Hinds - Madison Association and to many other mission and Denominational causes.

We have neglected our own buildings while trying to do "our part" toward outside causes. Now, we are compelled to face needs at home. The mechanical and electrical systems in two of our three main buildings must be replaced.

The church is discussing and will vote within a few days on renovating plans involving the estimated expenditure of two million dollars. This is a tremendous amount of money for any church, and the thought of adding this suggested two per cent of the budget for Gulfshore produced furrows in our brows.

Nevertheless, we discussed the matter with our three - member Budget and Audit Committee. Their reaction was that they did not know how we could add another two percent to our budget, but neither did they think we should stand on the side lines when our Mississippi Baptist Convention was trying to do something which was important to the work of all the churches of our state.

Village Has - - -

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at Mississippi College in Clinton, from which he graduated with a B. S. degree in education. He has served as a youth director and as a director of music, from time to time, in number of Mississippi Baptist churches, including, First Baptist Church of Yazoo City, First Baptist Church of Flora, First Baptist Church of McComb and Hanging Moss Baptist Church in Jackson, from which he recently resigned.

For the past 5 years, Mr. Self has come to be well - known in Baptist youth evangelism efforts in the mid-south through his frequent involvement in revival and retreats service for churches in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Tennessee.

For the past two years, Mr. Self has been active as a teacher and a coach in the public schools, serving at Carver School in Raymond, Mississippi.

Mr. Self is a talented musician, and a gifted lay - speaker as well as a competent athletic and recreational director. He will be engaged in the most vigorous and expansive ministry of therapy in the areas of recreation and athletics which has ever been undertaken for the children and youth in Village custody. As director of this department of work, he will be serving in close coordination with the Department of Social Case Work helping children with a particularly disturbed emotional need, and he will also be closely affiliated with the work of the Village's popular and widely-known Department of Music.

Mrs. Self is a graduate of University of Mississippi School of Nursing and is presently employed at University Medical Center.

"The honeymoon is over when he takes her off a pedestal and puts her on a budget." — Elizabeth W. Spalding. The Kentucky (Bardstown) Standard.

"A politician is someone who never met a tax he didn't hike." — William H. Jenkins, The Hermitage (Mo.) Index.

Mr. Cooper Suggests Areas For Study

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ating differences between agencies, and more time should be given to finding 'how things can be done'... if necessary (by) reassigning programs among agencies.

"It is interesting to note that during the course of this meeting, considerable time has been spent by the Executive Committee in listening to... the various agencies... outline the need for more funds.

"Ultimately, this hearing will result in the division of an inadequate amount of money among these requests and no agency will secure funds indicated as its current needs," Cooper said.

"It is also interesting to note," he continued, "that practically no time was spent by the Executive Committee in discussing ways and means to provide additional funds. It would appear to me that at least equal time should be given reports from agencies working to increase the amount of funds available for distribution.

"I recognize that this is not a specific assignment of the Executive Committee, but if the Executive Committee is to act 'for the convention and interim' it should interest itself in all of the critical problems of the convention, and one is that of increasing available funds to agencies of the convention," he said.

"The problem we face as an Executive Committee is not the lack of ability to 'equitably' distribute funds. Our problem is that of a lack of funds to 'equitably' distribute."

"The program of the convention must not become stagnant. It must be dynamic. It must show growth. There must be room for new ideas, for new concepts, for new programs," Cooper said.

"The innovator should not be frowned upon. He should not be thwarted. He should be given freedom. The methodology of applying Christianity in the latter part of the 20th Century may change. Provision must be made for change," the retired chemical corporation executive said.

"This is not to suggest that we change the Biblical basis of our approach or turn one iota from being a Bible - based, Bible - believing, Bible - belonging mission body."

Cooper expressed concern over the "serious problems" the tongues movement has created in some Southern Baptist churches and suggested that the Executive Committee ask a committee to study the matter and draft "some ideas, suggestions or perhaps guidelines" to help pastors and laymen understand the situation and know how to cope with it.

"We should neither ignore this situation or get overly excited about it — but we should recognize and face it," Cooper said. "A lot of honest people need some help in this area."

Cooper said the name of the Southern Baptist Convention "should be under constant review and consideration."

"Our convention has work in each of the 50 states, two territories of the United States, in many outposts where we have citizens or military establishments, and 'we have foreign mission work in 77 countries. Truly we are an international... organization."

"I am aware that we contend the name of 'Southern' reflects the 'theological position' rather than a 'territorial position,'" he said.

"This is exceedingly difficult for most non - 'Southern Baptists' to understand. Actually the word 'Southern' denotes no more theological position than the word 'Calvin' denotes a geographical position."

"Calling for greater involvement of youth and minority groups, Cooper

said he recognized that the majority should not be circumvented "simply to recognize the minority, but I believe there are alternatives, by which this can be accomplished and the matter should be studied."

On the question of more women representatives of SBC boards, commissions and committees Cooper said, "This has nothing to do with 'Women's Lib.' It's simply a matter of justice and has to do with recognizing the contribution that women make toward our work."

Cooper said executive secretaries of state conventions should be more involved in "the planning, the programming, the emphases and the projected activities of the Southern Baptist Convention."

He emphasized, "Though action of

state conventions and the offices of state executives, decisions are made, not only affecting the financial support of the Southern Baptist Convention, but also the degree of enthusiasm with which cooperation is given, commitments are made and support is provided."

Cooper also called for study of retirement practices of SBC agencies, not to set an age for retirement but to improve how it is administered.

"What I am talking about is the general practice of extending on a year - to - year basis the tenure of service beyond age 65. It's not good administration to have a period of 'limbo' in the life of an agency. In the interest of employee morale and proper planning this should be studied."

He also called for review of "the entire matter of resolutions at the Southern Baptist Convention."

"If the resolutions of the convention are to be meaningful... demand the attention of those to whom they are addressed... attract the support of the great mass of Southern Baptists who never attend the convention, then... (they) should be properly introduced, carefully reviewed by the committee and seriously considered by the messengers — all in a well planned manner."

In closing Cooper suggested that the 1976 SBC meeting in Virginia offers Southern Baptists "a unique opportunity to... portray, on site, many challenging and historic events so meaningful in the development of our country... and denomination."

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set up an SBC tour service to help save money for Baptist travelers and serve as a vehicle for personalizing use of Cooperative Program dollars abroad.

Staff of the Executive Committee was authorized to work out arrangements for an "image magnification system," a projection on large screens through closed circuit television, for the June, 1974, meeting of the SBC in Dallas. Some 20,000 are expected to attend in an auditorium 300 feet by 600 feet.

Rental cost for the equipment, in the range of \$30,000, will be paid for by an offering on Wednesday and Thursday nights of the meeting, with any balance coming from the convention's operating reserve.

In other actions, the Executive Committee approved its own 1973-74 operating budget of \$479,000, a \$59,000 increase over 1972-73. Also granted were requests for a six per cent cost of living adjustment in the salary schedule of Executive Committee staff members and a two-cent per mile increase in travel expense for use of personal cars of staffers from 10 cents to 12 cents.

A request from the Radio and Television Commission to transfer \$150,000 from its current capital needs allocation to its operating budget to finance a new television series was rejected.

Responding to a motion referred to it for study from the SBC annual meeting in Portland, the Executive Committee turned down funding for a motion picture and television advisory service "in view of present demands being made on the Cooperative Program."

The Executive Committee accepted a report from its program committee that deliberation on Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's proposed Boyce School of Christian Ministry had been dropped from the agenda at the request of the seminary.

The Boyce School, proposed to train ministers without college degrees, is expected to be brought by seminary trustees directly to the Dallas convention.

Southern Seminary President Duke McCall told the Executive Committee that the seminary will be guided by any forthcoming Executive Committee policy on non-degree Bible schools in Southern Baptist life.

Currently the Executive Committee's institutional workgroup is working on a request from the Florida Baptist Convention for a study on the non-degree student situation, with the view of financial aid to Florida Baptist Bible Institute.

The presidents of the six SBC seminaries were asked to bring a report in February indicating what they are now doing for non-degree students and what they might be able to do.

The Executive Committee's Committee of 15, a structure study group, is also reviewing the non-degree student problem.

Two students from a six-student college and seminary contingent of observers invited to the three - day meeting told the committee that the experience had broadened their understanding and appreciation of Southern Baptist Convention procedures.

One of them, David Lewis, a student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, suggested that the committee consider allowing student participants to vote and include more women and minority representatives in its membership.

Departing briefly from consideration of huge budgets and complicated business procedures, Routh asked Executive Committee members to pause to contribute personally to an offering for a girl — a product of our mission work in Nigeria — who needed to raise \$200 to afford tuition. "We've been talking about thousands of dollars," he said. "I want to do something to help a human being." The offering raised \$300.06 — \$100.06 of which will be held for a future worthy cause, Routh said.

A motion from the SBC meeting in Portland regarding the problems of

the aging was referred to the SBC Inter-agency Council, with the request that it do a study with special reference to program actions to be taken in the future.

The Executive Committee also received a report from its program committee commending work in seven state conventions now operating counseling services for pastors, church staffers and denominational workers.

The subcommittee noted that "establishment of an office of church-minister relations and counseling on a (Southern Baptist) Convention level at this time would not be the wisest course of action."

But it added, "We do suggest these services be offered and their ministry be strengthened through presently available and functioning facilities and agencies."

The committee passed four resolutions recognizing service of two resigning state Baptist newspaper editors, Donald T. McGregor of the California Baptist, Fresno, and James O. Duncan of the Capital Baptist, Washington, and two executive secretaries, W. Douglas Hudgins, who is retiring from Mississippi's top executive spot, and Earl O. Harding of Missouri, who died August 12.

Two Executive Committee staffers, Leonard E. Hill, managing editor of the Baptist Program, and Tommy Grubbs, general service superintendent of the SBC building, were honored for 15 and 10 years' service respectively.

Board Sets Record Budget

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"The evidence of Providence should lead and challenge each of us to do our best. You, too, need to make a personal commitment. You need to prayerfully attempt to lead your church into the program."

This proposed budget, recommended by the Budget Committee of the Convention Board, Dr. John Barnes, Hattiesburg, chairman, will be presented to the State Convention which will meet Nov. 13-15 for final approval.

The new budget is divided into two principal sections, State causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes.

The 1974 operational budget allocates \$3,600,000 to State causes with \$200,000 allotted for the advance section, for a total outlay of \$3,800,000. The \$200,000 advance is allocated for Gulfshore Assembly capital needs.

The total budget for State causes includes \$125,000 anticipated from the annual Special Offering for State Mis-

sions and other designated funds.

The 1974 operational budget allocates \$1,600,000 to Southern Baptist Convention causes with \$100,000 allotted in the advance budget, for a total of \$1,700,000.

This is an increase of \$103,650 over the total allocation of \$1,596,350 this year to SBC causes.

A total of \$10,000 in the Southern Baptist Convention budget goes to the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, composed of North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, for pioneer missions, a procedure which has been practiced for the past several years.

In the 1974 budget the section on State causes is separated into three divisions as follows: Institutions and Agencies, Convention Board Programs, and Administration-Promotion.

The board also heard reports from other agencies and groups. The complete budget follows.

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"Independent," 15 from the Baptist Bible Fellowship, 2 from the Baptist General Conference and 1 each from the American Baptist Churches, Conservative Baptists and World Baptist Fellowship.

No predominantly black church has appeared in the listing yet, according to Christian Life magazine, but Alapattah Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist congregation in Miami, jumped from 65th to 29th on the list "on the strength of an aggressive bus ministry in a racially mixed neighborhood."

The annual listing, now in its sixth year, "reveals the Sunday schools appearing on the listing are bucking an overall downward trend in Sunday school attendance by showing increases each year," Christian Life magazine said.

"The excitement stirred up by the publication of the... listing increases each year," said Robert Walker, the magazine's editor. "Many churches appear to set their attendance goals to achieve a place on the listing. And when this is coupled with an active evangelistic program, the results are astonishing."

(Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Dr. David Grant, pastor is 62nd on the list.)

Per capita energy use in America has doubled in the past 30 years and the U. S. Department of Interior forecasts that America's energy use will double again by 1985.

Carey Trustees Approve New Planning Group

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insure a voice in planning from a wide range of the college constituency and (2) to undergird the institution's educational program and auxiliary services with adequate financial means.

The commission will be composed of thirteen members, chosen from among the trustees, administration, faculty, alumni and student body. Following the presentation the trustees unanimously voted to accept the proposal.

According to Dr. Dickens, the work of the commission will include participation in long-range planning, presentation and interpretation of information, assistance in obtaining financial support for current operation and capital growth, and advice in other aspects of college development.

Members named to the newly formed planning commission are: trustees: Bruce C. Aultman, John D. Thomas and Dr. Dudley Wilson; administration: Dr. Hugh Dickens, Dr. Ralph Noonkester, Dr. J. M. Ernest,

Translators of the United Bible Societies and other competent personnel are currently working on more than 50 common - language and popular - language translation projects — the kind of translation work that produced the American Bible Society's New Testament in Today's English Version, "Good News for Modern Man."

Dr. Dorman Laird, J. D. Sims; faculty: Mrs. Georgiann Holliman, Dr. David Gruchy; alumni: Emory Morgan and Mrs. Elise Curtis; and student — Tim Bailey, president of the Carey Student Government Association.

When final fall enrollment figures were in at Carey, a total enrollment figure of 1032 was recorded in the office of the registrar, Mrs. Sarah Emerson, as compared with a total of

1002 students this time last year.

Two major academic areas in Carey's program showed greater increases than the others. The candidates for the bachelor of science degree in nursing rose to 143 this fall. The William Carey College School of Music, the only area to offer graduate studies, also showed a sizable increase in students this year. According to Dean Donald Winters 93 students are seeking degrees in music.



William Carey College Board meets for first quarterly session for the 1973-74 school year. From left seated, are Mrs. Carrol Gartin, President Ralph Noonkester, Bruce Aultman; Trustee President Wiley Fairchild; Dr. Glen Pearson; and Mrs. Owen Cooper. From left, rear: business manager J. D. Sims; vice-president for development, Dr. Hugh Dickens; Lewis Fowler, Rev. Tom Rayburn; Dr. Dudley Wilson; Rev. Bobby Perry; Rev. Frank Gunn; John D. Thomas; Dr. Earl Green; and academic vice-president, Dr. J. M. Ernest. Trustees not present were: Dr. Robert J. Eustice, Dr. James T. Thompson, and Rev. P. C. Perkins.

Mexican Baptists Aid Hungry Quake Victims

MEXICO CITY (BP)—Moved with compassion when they heard of the plight of the starving citizens of Ciudad, Serdan, Puebla, and surrounding rural villages, Baptist churches here responded by distributing food.

The towns and villages, located about 100 miles southeast of Mexico City, were in the epicenter of the recent earthquake that swept through Central Mexico, leaving thousands of Mexicans homeless and hungry. Of the larger towns, Serdan, with a population of about 25,000, was the hardest hit.

"Citizens are still in a state of shock," said Baptist field representative, H. Eldon Sturgeon Sr. "There is a certain look of despair on their faces."

"The people complained that food was scarce and pleaded with us to

use our influence in the press to get them food," said David P. Daniell, Baptist representative in Mexico. "We saw a tank truck dispersing drinking water to the people, but no food was available — and it was 6 p.m."

As a result, the Baptists here collected a special offering, bought food and distributed it to the hungry victims.

About 40 per cent of the adobe houses in Serdan were destroyed. The secretary of public works has marked with paint all condemned homes to be leveled by bulldozers, which are already clearing the debris.

Meanwhile, a Baptist architect-contractor, Jaime Zea, was scheduled to visit Calipan, San Gabriel, Chilac and Tehuacan in the state of Puebla, where Baptist churches were damaged by the quake.

All the church buildings are still standing but have structural damage. Zea will determine whether these buildings can be saved and repaired. He will also advise and consult with Baptist families whose homes were severely damaged in the quake.

A general scarcity of building materials is likely to slow down repair and reconstruction efforts, according to Zea.

Church buildings, for the most part, are in ruins. More than 200 Catholic churches, some dating back to the days of Cortez in the 1520's, were destroyed. The government has decided to leave some ruins as testimony of the earthquake of 1973.

Impressions of the quake varied, with many attaching religious overtones. The first impression of many Baptists, according to a Baptist national, was the quake might be signalling the second coming of

Christ. In the epicenter of the earthquake — Orizaba, Rio Blanco and Serdan — the people generally regarded the quake as the wrath of God, punishing them for sins they had committed or for a lack of faithfulness in attending mass.

"One Catholic priest in Orizaba told me that the quake has inspired a

spiritual awakening," said Daniell. "The people now feel the need to search for God," the priest said. "I think this is a call of God to all people. There is a spiritual renovation and a drawing nearer to God." One Catholic woman said, "We used to run to the movies and the bars, but now we are running to the churches."

New Sacred Records

By George — A Special Kind of Man (George Fields (UP, Incorporated) (Order from Mr. George Fields, Box 500, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923) An unusual record by a former Mississippi College football player who is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In this album Mr. Fields sings eight songs with accompaniment on his guitar. He has a splendid voice and the songs are effectively sung. Included are such numbers as The Life that Wins, I Believe in Jesus, Say, I Do, A Special Kind of Man, and others. A feature of the album is an introduction and a short message by Evangelist Bill Glass, also a former football player. Also, accompanying the songs is personal testimony by some outstanding athlete.

John McKay Sings Bill Gaither (Word WST 8599-LP) The song leader and soloist for the James Robison Evangelistic Association sings an entire album of numbers written by song — writer, Bill Gaither, author of the widely used number, The King Is Coming. That and a number of other songs are included on this album. The numbers are usually outstanding and are sung in power and in the spirit. Those who love top quality Christian music will be pleased with this collection.

Free Bill Michael Album: Bill Michael, inspirational vocalist from Joplin, Mo., announces that his album, "Walk With Me," is available free of charge to all who write and ask for it. The album contains 12 gospel songs. No money is requested. Michael explains, "This is a faith ministry dependent entirely upon God's supply. When God motivates someone to give, they will give according to our needs. God is our provision. In Him we trust completely." To get your free album, write: Bill Michael, P. O. Box 2334, Joplin, Mo. 64801.

Already World's Largest

Southwestern Seminary Sees 10 Per Cent Enrollment Gain

FORT WORTH, Texas — Southwestern Seminary, already the world's largest seminary, experienced a 10 percent enrollment gain this fall.

A record 2,227 students registered, up 208 from the previous high of 2,019 who enrolled in the fall of 1972. A total of 592 new students was reported.

The student body includes 55 from Mississippi.

Felix M. Gresham, director of admissions, said both housing and classes were strained by the largest single semester enrollment increase in Southwestern's history.

"Our dormitories are both full," he said, "and many single students who normally would stay on campus have had to find housing elsewhere. Of course," he added, "we've always had a strain on married student housing."

To make better use of existing classroom space, the seminary opened additional sections of classes and

Harrisburg, Tupelo Observes Anniversaries

On Sunday 30, Harrisburg, Tupelo, will close their anniversary recognitions with the recognitions of all charter members, a high attendance of 900, and all adult Sunday School departments, all workers with adults in all organizations of the church.

The pastor, Dr. Robert Hamblin, pictured, is observing his 15th anniversary, the church secretary Mrs. J. C. Graves her 15th, the educational secretary, Mrs. Ken Kennedy her 10th, the minister of music Aubrey Gaskins his 5th, and the 40th for the church organization.

On various Sundays of September various groups and age group divisions have been recognized.

The word "posh" does not come from "Port Out, Starboard Home" as many people think. Not one scintilla of evidence, say the Merriam editors. And they should know. Merriam's citation file showing word usage, totaling 11,500,000 citations, goes back many years. The earliest use of "posh" dates from 1897 and it is a synonym for the noun "dandy."

Retreat For Baptist Young Women Begins October 19

Beginning Friday afternoon, October 19, young women from all over the state will gather at Camp Garaywa for a weekend of Bible study, fellowship, missionary information, and fun. This event is designed for all young women (ages 18-29) either single or married.

Some of the program highlights include: Mrs. Art Compere, missionary to Nigeria, who will tell about her

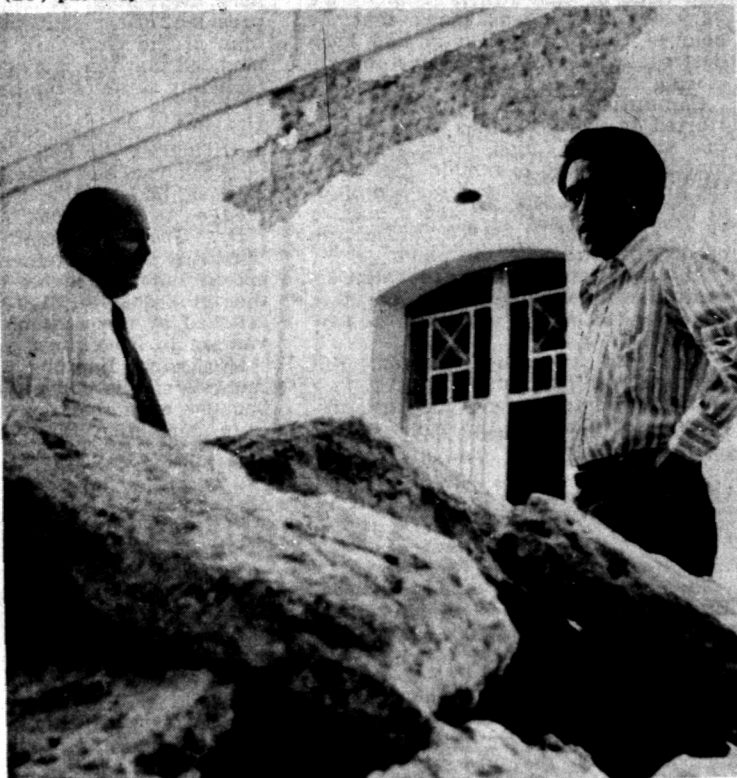
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Earthquake Damage Widespread

Many adobe homes crumbled to the ground as a result of the recent earthquake that devastated south central Mexico. A Baptist architect-contractor advised many of the people concerning steps they should take to rebuild. (BP) photo by David Daniell.



Mexican Baptists Respond

Eduardo de la Flor (left), president of the Central Baptist Association of Mexico, discusses relief for earthquake victims with Lazaro Gonzales Dominguez, pastor of the Baptist church in San Gabriel Chilac, one of the areas hit by the recent earthquake. Baptist churches in the Mexico City area collected a special offering to buy food for people in the epicenter of the quake. (BP) photo by David Daniell

Mexican Seminary Building Complete

Construction of the chapel-classroom building on the new campus of the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary here will be completed in September, announced Dr. Pat Carter, seminary president. The building is situated on two acres of land in northwestern metropolitan Mexico City.

Construction has begun on a combination dormitory - dining hall and library - administration building. The seminary will probably move to the new campus in September 1974. It has been situated in Torreon in northern Mexico since 1901 with temporary moves to other cities at various times. It has an enrollment of 70 students and a faculty of six nationals and six Southern Baptist representative families.

Religious Bestsellers

Clothbound Books

1. THE LIVING BIBLE, Taylor (Tyndale)
2. THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY, Christianson (Bethany)
3. HALLEY'S BIBLE HANDBOOK, Halley (Zondervan)
4. THEY CALL ME COACH, Wooden (Word)
5. THE BECOMERS, Miller (Word)
6. THE FAT IS IN YOUR HEAD, Shedd (Word)
7. A NEW JOY, Evans (Revell)
8. IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES, Rutledge (Revell)
9. THE HIDING PLACE, Ten Boom (Chosen)
10. I DON'T LIVE THERE ANYMORE, Oldham (Impact)

Paperback Books

1. THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH, Lindsey (Zondervan)
2. SATAN IS ALIVE AND WELL ON PLANET EARTH, Indsey (Zondervan)
3. PRISON TO PRAISE, Carothers (Logos)
4. THE HIDING PLACE, ten Boom (Chosen)
5. POWER IN PRAISE, Carothers (Logos)
6. THE WAY, Taylor (Tyndale)
7. A TASTE OF NEW WINE, Miller (Word)
8. I'VE GOT TO TALK TO SOMEBODY GOD, Holmes (Spire)
9. FAITH IS, Reeve (Tyndale)
10. SAY IT WITH LOVE, Hendricks (Victor)

Recordings

1. LOVE SONG, Love Song (Living Waters)
2. MARANATHA II, Maranatha (Living Waters)
3. COME TOGETHER, Jimmy Owens (Light)
4. LIVE AT CARNEGIE HALL, Andre Crouch (Light)
5. THE KING IS COMING, Doug Oldham (Impact)
6. MARANATHA III, Maranatha (Living Waters)
7. KEEP ON SINGING, Andre Crouch (Light)
8. BILL GAITHER TRIO LIVE, (Heartwarming)
9. SOULFULLY, Andre Crouch (Light)
10. IMPERIALS LIVE, Imperials (Heartwarming)

The Convention President Speaks

Last week, I shared with you a telephone call in regard to encouragement. This week, I want to share with you another call that truly radiated enthusiasm or excitement.

Upon my arrival at the office Monday morning, a long distance call had already been placed to me. When I returned the call, there was a real bounce in the voice that literally vibrated with enthusiasm. It was a pastor sharing with me that his church had voted with no dissenting votes, to put two percent of their operational budget into their budget for Gulf-shore for the next three years. Of course, I was glad to know this kind of spirit prevailed in one of our fine churches in another part of the state.

But the thing I am emphasizing here is the spirit. Nothing is more advantageous to accomplishment than enthusiasm. This is an attitude that we need work in order to generate. It is a frame of mind that is contagious, but it is also a spirit that is necessary for progress.

Many people — laymen and clergy — are plagued with a pessimistic attitude; consequently, they are defeated before they start. This same situation can prevail in a congregation and thus, the whole cause of Christ is retarded. I believe it would implement missions, help in evangelism, and build attendance if we would pray for each other's spirit. Let's agree that we shall work together in developing a bright outlook, saturated with enthusiasm! — David Grant.

Revival Dates

Wesson Church: September 30-October 5; Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor emeritus, First Church, New Orleans, evangelist; J. B. Betts, full-time music evangelist; singer, Rev. Ken Stringer, pastor; services Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship, Summit: September 30-October 7; Rev. Thomas Kennedy, Houston, Texas, evangelist; Rev. Richard Hagen, pastor.

South 28th Avenue (Lebanon): Sept. 30 - Oct. 7; services 7 a. m. and 7:30 p.m.; James D. Watson, evangelist; Jimmy McCaleb, music director; Ed Sudduth, pianist; David Duke, organist; Jim Nunnelee, pastor.

Big Ridge, Biloxi: Renewal, layman's testimonies, Sept. 28-30; revival Oct. 1-7; services 7:30 nightly; Rev. James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Grant Shipp, music director; Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor.

PENANG, Malaysia — Students at the Malaysia - Singapore Seminary here raised \$700 for the Baptist convention of Malaysia and Singapore by riding bicycles. The students, who had little money to contribute themselves, had sponsors contribute money for each mile a student rode around the 30 - mile island. Funds used for needs and projects of the convention.

Colonial Heights Church, Jackson: October 1-7, services at 7 p.m.; Dr. Monroe Swilley, preaching. (Dr. Swilley pastored churches in Arkansas and Alabama before going to Second Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, Georgia where he served for twenty-three years. Retiring from the pastorate, Dr. Swilley became the founder and first president of Atlanta Baptist College and is currently vice-president of Long Range Development for Mercer University in Georgia.) J. M. Wood, Minister of Music, Broadmoor, Jackson; singer, Dr. Brian Harbour, pastor.

Short Creek (Yazoo): September 30-October 7; Rev. Donald Toomey, Itta Bena, evangelist; B. B. Neely, song leader; Rev. Art Slatten, pastor; Mrs. Kathleen Jones, pianist; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 30; during week at 7:30 p.m.; homecoming on Oct. 7, with lunch at the church and singing after lunch.

Buckatunna (Wayne): Sept. 30 - Oct. 5; Rev. J. R. Boutwell, pastor, Grace Memorial, Picayune, evangelist; Rev. Roy A. Garrison, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. during week; 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday.

Shady Grove (George): Sept. 30-Oct. 5; Rev. Rex Yancey, Tupelo, evangelist; Leon Westerhouse, Birmingham, Ala., music evangelist; Wayne Parker, Wade, organist; Rev. N. H. Smith, pastor.

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"Gulfshore Shall Rise Again"

Some of those who, in August 1969, stood looking upon the devastation of the Mississippi Baptist assembly, Gulfshore, just hours after Hurricane Camille had swept across it, experienced mixed emotions in their minds and hearts.

The ruin seemed to shout, "Gulfshore is dead!"

But a resounding faith and hope within, seemed to answer, "Gulfshore shall rise again, and be greater and finer than ever."

Many people in Mississippi have kept that hope in their hearts. From the very day that it was known that the beloved Gulf Coast facility had been destroyed, dreams and plans for restoring it began to arise.

Committees were appointed and started to work; studies were made; the state convention considered the matter and voted to rebuild. Out of all the preliminary studies came a proposal for a new Gulfshore, and a plan to raise a fund of \$1,250,000 before proceeding further with the plans.

At last year's state convention a committee was named to expedite plans for raising the funds for the new assembly.

Now that program is pushing full steam ahead!

The dream of a new greater Gulfshore, rising out of the ruins of the

old, moves ever nearer to fulfillment.

The plan chosen by the Gulfshore campaign committee was to ask churches to give 2% of their budgets for the next three years, and to seek gifts from individuals.

Reports already are coming from churches across the state. Some 1974 budgets are reported as being adopted, while in others budget committees are ready to recommend the percentage as part of the new year's program.

At the meeting of the Convention Board in Jackson on Monday afternoon, September 24, Dr. David Grant, president of the convention, and chairman of the Gulfshore campaign, announced that ten churches in the state, including some of the largest churches as well as some smaller ones, either already had voted the two per cent participation, or had indicated a purpose to do so, and these, plus individual pledges, had brought the total already pledged to about \$200,000.

Dr. Grant indicated his own enthusiasm and excitement over the response, and stated his conviction that the total goal of \$1,250,000 would be reached by the time of the state convention in November.

Mississippi Baptists will respond to the call of this convention committee, because all across the state there is a deep conviction that Gulfshore must

live again.

Gulfshore meant great assemblies with hosts of Mississippi people, young and old, gathering for conferences, camps, retreats, and other types of programs.

Many lives found new spiritual experiences at Gulfshore, and great numbers of young people heard and responded to God's call there. Preachers, musicians, educational workers, missionaries, and lay workers, who responded to the Spirit's voice at Gulfshore, are in fields of service today. Such a ministry is a continued must for the convention. The facilities which make it possible must be restored as quickly as possible.

Churches and individuals all over the state should now give serious and prayerful consideration to accepting and responding to the challenge. Churches should act quickly, and thus assure the success of this campaign in the weeks between now and the state convention in November, as Dr. Grant has said.

Then at Jackson, in mid-November, along with all of the other things which will be happening then, the convention can say to its committees, "Start the work."

It will be a glorious day when the new, greater Gulfshore is open and in use, and the great experiences of the past, can begin to be enacted again.

Let Us Teach Our Distinctive Doctrines

The apostle Peter said to Christians "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1 Pet. 3:15).

We sometimes wonder how many members of the present average Baptist church could give a clear statement as to why they are Baptists.

It is a bit disturbing, and almost alarming, to see how little preaching is done on distinctive Baptist doctrines in the average Baptist pulpit today.

Doctrine is "strong meat" and some pastors seem content to feed their clocks on "milk" rather than "strong meat." Is it any wonder that large numbers of our present day church members still are babes in Christ, instead of being the full grown Christians God wants them to be?

In the third chapter of his second letter to Timothy, Paul speaks concerning the Scriptures as "given by inspiration of God, and... profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished

unto all good works." (2 Tim. 3:16).

In the next verse Paul tells the young preacher, "Preach the word: be instant, in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine."

In the two verses he mentions "doctrine" twice. Since much of the Bible's teaching can be classified as doctrine, he evidently is thinking of the distinctives upon which the Christian faith stands. He considers them so important that he refers to them in both of the statements.

Do we have the same convictions concerning the importance of doctrine? Are our preachers so busy reproofing, rebuking, exhorting, correcting and instructing in righteousness, that they have little time to preach and teach doctrine?

How many of our members have been instructed in their denomination's beliefs, and know why they are what they are? Perhaps some of our pastors need to stop and ask themselves how long it has been since they have preached on some of the great doc-

trinal distinctives which differentiate Baptists from other groups?

In this day of ecumenical thinking, it sometimes is difficult for us to remember that no Christian and no church is stronger than his or its doctrinal beliefs.

One revival which we need right now is to return to study and preaching of our basic doctrines. In a recent issue we carried an advertisement from an outstanding Baptist preacher in Illinois, announcing some books which he had written on Baptist distinctives. These books are good books, and their messages are important. We hope that if you did not order some of them, that you will turn back to the advertisement, and order them now. They will help make you a better Christian and a better Baptist.

As Baptists we have every right to rejoice in the stand which we take concerning the Bible and its teaching, and in the doctrines which make us a distinctive people. Let us unashamedly proclaim those doctrines to our people and to the world.

plete listing of every passage in the Bible where the name appears making accessible to the Bible student a biographical outline of every character plus the Bible resource for full study of the person based upon references to him in the Bible. The book is planned as a reference volume and not simply for reading, but it will prove to be of value as a biographical dictionary.

PROPHECY INTERPRETED by John P. Milton (Augsburg, 139 pp., paper, \$2.95) A look at prophecy in "an age of fear." The author does not accept the premillennial views which are so dominant in prophetic teaching and preaching today. Evidently his position is that of a millennialism. An interesting study by a man who does believe the Bible, but whose interpretation of its prophetic message does not see the great events of the future related to both the Jew and the Christian as being fulfilled literally.

CATHOLICS by Brian Moore (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 107 pp., \$4.95) A novel based upon changes which are coming in modern Catholic circles.

On The MORAL SCENE...

Sexual Revolution — "Dramatic evidence that the United States is undergoing a 'sexual revolution' is revealed in the latest nationwide survey which shows a sharp increase in liberal attitudes among Americans over the last four years regarding the subjects of nudity and premarital sex. Although a majority of the American people support the Supreme Court's recent ruling which calls for tougher guidelines on obscene literature, far fewer today than in 1969 say they would be offended by pictures of nudes in magazines — 55% compared to 73% in 1969. Those who would object to actors and actresses appearing in the nude in Broadway plays have declined from 73% to 44% while the portion who would be offended by topless night-club waitresses has declined from 78% in 1969 to 59% in the latest survey. In terms of attitudes on premarital sex, two out of every three Americans four years ago held the view that premarital sex relations were 'wrong.' Today the public is closely divided, with 48% believing sex before marriage is wrong and 43% holding the opposite opinion. An increase in liberal attitudes regarding premarital sex is recorded for all major population groups but is most pronounced among Catholics who now hold more liberal views than do Protestants." (By George Gallup, *The Nashville Tennessean*, 8-12-73)



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More Church Vocation Students Are Needed

Dear Editor:

Due to the acute shortage of Baptist pastors and especially of ministers of music in Mississippi (My own church has been without a minister of music for nearly three months) it seems to me that our two degree-granting Baptist colleges, Mississippi College and William Carey, need to send field workers out in search of young men and women who have special talents and interests along those lines.

The scholarships available should be more publicized inasmuch as it costs considerably more to attend Mississippi College than it does Ole Miss, Mississippi State, or Southern Mississippi University.

Of course we all understand the difference in financing state supported institutions. Whether we are willing to admit it or not, it is a fact of life that securing trained, qualified church personnel has become a highly competitive problem Baptist churches in our state are having to face.

My own son might have enrolled at Mississippi College this fall had it not been for the comparatively exorbitant costs.

I understand the enrollment there is about 2,500 where it probably needs to be or could be 3,000 plus.

A member of the staff told me "We don't need to go out and recruit students. They come to us."

That's all well and good but it also explains why the acute shortage of trained, qualified Baptist church personnel, most especially pastors and ministers of music.

I hope something can be done soon to alleviate the situation.

Donald Nunnery
Liberty, Miss.

Disagrees With Christian Life Commission Views

TO THE EDITOR:

I read in "The Nashville Tennessean" Friday, September 14, 1973 quite a headline that Baptists are urging to "Press Watergate". This comes from "Christian Life Commission" headed by Foy Valentine.

While Southern Baptists stand for righteousness in the government and its agencies I don't believe that Mr. Valentine and his Commission are expressing the views of the overwhelming majority of the Southern Baptists in the decision of a letter-writing campaign to Congressmen to press the "Sam Erwin's Circus" which, as expressed by the chairman himself is to discredit the President of the United States.

A few years ago Mr. Valentine got in hot water with his Atlanta Public Forum with the "Playboy" magazine editor. The Southern Baptists got mighty disgusted and at the annual convention in Denver, Colo., were ready to fire not only Foy Valentine but close up the "Life Commission." They survived, thanks to some very influential ex-presidents who, while disagreeing with the "Playboy" affair wanted to save the Commission. As a Southern Baptist, have the feeling that the "Christian Life Commission's Boat" with Foy Valentine at its helm is headed for another mighty rough sailing when the annual Southern Baptist Convention will meet next June in Dallas.

Carlos Gruber
Nacogdoches, Texas

Commends Cooper Actions Related To Black Conventions

Mr. Owen Cooper
Yazoo City, MS 39194

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I have noted the article in the Baptist Record where — in you honored a number of black Baptist leaders at a dinner in Jackson. As one white Baptist Christian to an-



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

The summer has slipped away again, summer which seems to arrive as speedily as a snail, tarry briefly as a bird, and depart as quickly as a gazelle.

While I never quite get through with summer, I'm always ready to welcome the feelings of fall — pleasantly cool mornings, warmly sun-heated noontimes, keenly chilled late afternoons, weighty warmth of clothing, heaviness of quilts.

And I love the smells of fall — mild sweetness of the flowering bush at the corner of our house, dull dampness of raked leaves, earthiness of re-worked flower beds, chill simmering on the stove, dust in the furnace the first time it is turned on.

Then the sights of autumn — showing down pine straw, leaf coverlets on lawns, long, slanted golden sunbars jailing the trees, fine mist mugging the air, fog patches blooming the roads, perfectly blended divine art work dismantling itself a leaf at a time.

And sounds — thuds of pine cones and dead limbs hitting the roof, hysterical and delirious football fans, honking and squealing beginner bands, last-time-of-the-season clacking of lawn mower motors, steady water-dropping for a whole rainy day, wild geese squawking to each other while they stopover in our trees.

A lovely season, fall. To some a sad season, for its heralds the cold bleakness of winter and somehow sharpens any sadness in hearts. To some a glad season, because the winter to follow is an equally lovely time for hearts which have no store of sadness to be sharpened.

To many simply another busy season, to be lived through with scarcely enough time to notice its feelings, smells, sights, and sounds.

To simple, trusting folks like me, a lovely season, another reassuring evidence of God. And I will leave the dishes in the sink and the beds unmade, if necessary, to have time to enjoy it.

other, I take pleasure in congratulating and commending you on this courtesy extended our black brothers in Christ. I concur with Mr. Booth in his statement that perhaps we have in the past been "too timid in our work with others" in promoting the gospel message and perhaps one of our problems has been the lack of communications with other people.

I am sure as Baptists black and white we can agree that man's greatest need is Jesus Christ and as Baptists we all have an obligation in carrying His message to all people. Not necessarily because we are Baptist but rather we are followers of Jesus, our blessed Saviour.

Mr. Owen, you are demonstrating a great Christian leadership for Southern Baptists and I pray the Lord will continue to bless and prosper you in His work.

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Literacy Conference To Meet In Georgia

ATLANTA — The Home Mission Board will host the third National Conference of Literacy Missions in Toccoa, Ga., October 28-31. Led by specialists related to literacy, and meeting at the Georgia Baptist Conference Assembly, the conference will relate to those involved in the ministry to adult nonreaders, tutoring school children in reading skills, and providing conversational English and citizenship for internationals.

Using the theme "Crossing Barriers with the Gospel Through Literacy Missions," featured guests will lead sessions in crossing literacy barriers.

Susan Abbott, Houston, Tex., author of Pattern Practices for New Streamlined English Series, will lead sessions in conversational English. Mac R. Moseley, also of Houston, and a speech pathologist, will deal with the sounds of language.

Edna Woolfer, director of the Program Services Division, Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, will give guidance in the helping ministries; and Minor Davidson, Director of Work with Internationals and Language Missions, D. C. Baptist Convention, will lead in discussions relating to those of other cultures.

For registration, contact Miss Mildred Blankenship, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga., 30309.

South Carolina Baptists Approve Reorganization

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)—The general board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention has approved the first phase of a major reorganization of the convention structure which calls for creation of three new divisions of work.

Delos Miles, present evangelism department director, will head the division of evangelism and church services, encompassing the campus ministries, evangelism, church music, church training and Sunday School departments.

E. C. Watson, current head of the missions department, will direct a missions division which includes associational missions and the missions and Brotherhood (Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors) department.

Business Manager Flynn T. Harrell will direct the new business services division.

New Director For HMB Christian Service Corps

William Wilson, a Georgia businessman, has volunteered to correlate the efforts of other volunteers for home missions. Wilson will direct the Home Mission Board's expanding Christian Service Corps program, whereby volunteer lay people give their time and money to serve in mission activities across the United States. The CSC is under the HMB's Department of Special Mission Ministries.



Ron Boswell, new BSU director at Ole Miss, points to the sign on the Baptist Student Center property in Oxford.



In view of the fact that an estimated 6 million adults in the United States are functionally illiterate, the Home Mission Board will host the third National Conference on Literacy Missions at Toccoa, Ga., October 28-31.—(HMB Photo by Don Rutledge)

Home Missions Offerings On Increase In Yugoslavia

A Mission Conference scheduled for Sunday, September 9 is expected to attract representatives from at least 2/3 of the churches of the Yugoslavian Baptist Union.

The Conference will be a preparation period for a Mission Day observance in the Union's churches in late October at which a special Home Missions offering will be received.

Monies from the offering will be used for salaries of mission astors, expenses of missionaries in newer areas of work and relief supplements.

The Home Missions offering has been on the increase. It has gone from \$500 when first begun twelve years ago to an anticipated \$10,000 this year.

Ole Miss BSU Gets New Director And New Baptist Student Center, Too

On August 27, 1973, James Ronald (Ron) Boswell became the fourth director of the Baptist Student Union at Ole Miss and he has an asset unknown to, and scarcely dreamed of, by his predecessors: Fred Terry, 1927-1931; Marian Leavell, 1931-1967; and David Hicks, 1967-1973, in the form of a Baptist Student Center.

Ron is a native of Noxapater who received his Bachelor of Arts from Mississippi College in 1968 and his Master of Divinity from Southern Seminary in 1973. During college days he was in the BSU choir, on the BSU Council, Ministerial Association president, summer missionary in Montana, 1965, and Jamaica, 1967, and on the Ridgecrest staff 1966. Seminary activities included membership on the Student Senate, the Missions Conference Committee, and chairmanship of the Spiritual Life Committee.

He served in the US-2 program of the Home Mission Board in resort ministries 1968-70. He has been minister of music and interim pastor at the East Louisville Church; minister of youth, Calvary Church, Raleigh, North Carolina; and minister of youth and interim pastor at First Church, Carrollton, Kentucky.

The Baptist Student Center shown in the background of the picture above is the former Neilson home located on the corner of University Avenue and Fifth Street, about two hundred feet from the entrance to the Ole

Miss campus. It was bought approximately a year ago by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The building is in the final stages of renovation and it is anticipated that some activities can be held there in a matter of weeks. The program will be expanded as furnishings and equipment are added.

October BH Topics

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs accentuates the positives of Christianity as he continues the theme, "Christ Is All," in the series of sermons heard on "The Baptist Hour," during October.

In "A Witness To Bear," on the Oct. 7 sermon, Dr. Hobbs stresses, "As God's witness you are not to manufacture the message, but to deliver His message . . . You are not to convict one of sin or to bring one to repentance and faith. That is the Holy Spirit's work. You are merely to witness."

The Oct. 14 sermon, "A Fellowship To Share," means "sharing the suffering of Christ as well as the joy of Christ," Dr. Hobbs says.

"A Companionship To Enjoy," scheduled for Oct. 21, is a sermon on the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit as Christ indwelling in Christians. The Oct. 28 sermon, "A Reward To Receive," defines the rewards of the Christian.

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Foreign Missionary Says "Life Is Different Here"

By James O. Teel, Jr.
Missionary to Argentina

A question came to me in various ways and from many people while I was on furlough. "Isn't it different down there?" They asked me. "How do you get used to it?"

Others said, "There is so much violence down there! How do you stand it?"

We have always brushed off these comments by telling what the folks in Argentina said to us after we returned from one furlough: "We sure did worry about you while you were up there in the States this year where all that violence is going on."

You get accustomed to wherever you live; and so will we. But as we returned to Argentina this time after our fifth furlough, I was reminded that it is different.

We sat around with a group of missionaries and heard of kidnappings that had reached all too close to acquaintances and neighbors.

We heard of well-established North American companies that had pulled up their roots and gone home and of executives kidnapped for expensive ransoms.

Word had come from neighboring countries of food shortages and other shortages as well. Lines formed wherever anything was for sale, and people got in the lines, not even know-

ing what was for sale at the end of the line. Some missionaries' health had been endangered because of shortages.

In missionaries' homes, the question, "How much longer do you think we can be here?" has become a routine topic of discussion.

Several things were mentioned. You don't feel secure on the streets. There's no attempt to enforce law. You worry about your children when they're out. You're careful not to be too conspicuous as a "Yankee."

In one feverish outburst when schools and hospitals were being taken over by some student groups, shouting was heard outside the seminary, "How happy we will be when the Yankees have to flee!"

Yes, it's different. Don't ever doubt it.

Providence Homecoming

Sunday, September 30, will be Homecoming Day at Providence Church, Yazoo County, and it will be called Joe Olander Day.

Rev. C. J. Olander of Tchula will be the guest speaker. Dinner will be served on the grounds. "Former pastors and members and friends are invited to share the day with the local congregation," says the pastor, Rev. Robert I. Martin.

Mississippi Woman Is Business Manager, BBI

A former Mississippian is business manager and superintendent of the buildings and grounds at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida. Mrs. Harvey (Paula) McClure is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wall of Lucedale, members of the Agricola Church, George County. She and her husband have two children, Lisa and Kevin. She attended Perkinson Junior College, Ole Miss, and William Carey College. The following is reprinted from the Florida Baptist Witness: Mrs. Harvey B.

(Paula) McClure first came into the Baptist Bible Institute business office in 1965. The school catalog listed her as business manager for 1967-68.

President James E. Southerland was also superintendent of buildings and grounds at that time. But he soon learned that prior duties and necessary travel kept him too busy for the second job.

Who could take over? The business manager? She already paid all bills. But most of her maintenance employees would be men. Would they accept orders from a woman?

President Southerland and Mrs. McClure decided to give it a try, so she accepted the job. There was a lot of landscaping to be done and the new student center with its 400-seat dining room to put into use.

One of the few possible incidents in-

volving a woman supervisor came about because of customs a student from India brought with him. Now a graduate, Philip had to work, so Mrs. McClure made a place for him on the grounds crew. The first time she took him out to show him where to work, she noticed that she couldn't keep up with him.

"I would walk faster to catch up and he would speed up, until we were almost running," she said later. "Then it hit me that where he grew up, among the high caste in India, women simply did not walk alongside the men. Even over here he couldn't bring himself to do it."

Salesmen working the area soon learn that she knows her business, and deal with her accordingly. New students sometimes show surprise, but soon realize that she has their interests at heart. A few also have learned that she can be firm when she must.

This experiment for BBI, where a woman is both business manager and superintendent of buildings and grounds, has proven to be a wise move.

If your car has "rack and pinion steering" and you're not sure what it means, you might look at the drawing of a rack with a pinion gear on page 951 of the New Collegiate. A "pinion" is defined in the Collegiate as a gear with a small number of teeth. It fits into a "rack," a bar with teeth on one face. They both mesh nicely, thank you.

Kate Durham Morgan Asks:

Had You Thought About This?

Jim, a wee black boy, sat in the morning sunlight on the floor of his front porch. Clutched in his hand was a bright colored rock that sparkled when the sun shone on it, between his little black fingers. Dan had given it to him so he would sit quietly and play on the porch. He was enthralled with its glitter and sparkle.

As usual, this morning, the plantation owner was riding over the acreage to check the plowing, harrowing, planting and machine repairing.

Yesterday his wife had ridden with him for the very joy of the morning. On reaching home she realized she had lost a very expensive setting out of her ring, a flawless ruby. She had last seen it as she sat in the saddle talking to little Jim, while the sun glinted off it while her hand rested on the pommel. And so today they were retracing their ride, hoping that some child had found the pretty red stone.

Reining in their horses at the porch's edge they stopped to talk with little Jim. And then it happened. The sunlight glanced off a red stone that Jim squeezed tightly with all five of his small fingers.

Speaking softly to Jim the plantation owner said, "Jim, show me what you have in your hand."

Gladly and freely the small fingers uncurled, revealing the lost ruby. From his pocket the man took a lovely red glass marble, and held it out to Jim. The man took the pretty marble and placed it firmly in the wee palm, reclaiming for his wife her flawless ruby.

Jim laughed out loud at the exchange of a larger red stone for the one he had been playing with.

Life is like this for so many of us.

Within us is the potential of the ruby of great value. Yet often we are willing to exchange it for the cheap glass marble.

Rubies cost much money. Our best potential is not cheap. Work, planning, self-restraint, self-discipline are all in the price we must pay to unclasp and show to the world our gem.

To Present Concert At First, Gulfport

Mrs. Jan King and Jimmy Cutrell, pictured, children of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Cutrell of Jackson, will present a concert of sacred music during the evening worship service at First Church, Gulfport at 7:30 p.m. on September 30.

Jan, organist at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, and Jimmy, minister of music of the Gulfport church, will present piano-organ duets, organ solos, and sacred and gospel vocal selections. The program will be presented at the close of the choir enrollment emphasis at First Church, Gulfport. The public is invited.



King and Cutrell



SCRAPBOOK



September...

So exceptionally tender
Is this month called September
As summer is fading away.
When it sadly surrenders,
No power can hold it to stay.
For fall in its boldness,
Its cruelness and coldness,
Will conquer; there is no delay
It nips
And soars.
It strips
And bares.
And darkness will shorten the day.

Our prayer in September
Is, Lord, make us tender
As year after year fades away.
Let kindness and love
Fill our hearts from above
That from goodness we never will stray.

Thyra Ferré Björn

Essay On Anatomy

The following essay on anatomy was written by a child and printed in the paper of the First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida. "Your head is kind of round and hard and your brains is in it and your hair is on it. Your face is the front of your head where you eat and make faces. Your neck is what keeps your head out of your collar. It's hard to keep clean. Your stummick is something that if you don't eat often enough it hurts and spinach don't help it none. Your spine is a long bone in your back that keeps you from folding up. Your back is always behind you, no matter how quick you turn around. Your arms you got to pitch with and so you can reach the butter. Your fingers stick out of your hands. Your legs get you to first base. Your feet are what you run on, and your toes are what always gets stubbed. And that's all there is on you 'cept what's inside, and I ain't seen that."

Although he hadn't seen it, the little fellow was convinced there was something on the inside. He's right, and believe it or not, the most important part on the inside can't be seen. When there's something wrong with this part, nothing really goes right. This part is the soul of man. Things really can't be right on, the inside or out until we are right with God. Augustine said, "Thou has made us for thyself, O God, and we are restless until we rest in Thee." "The Messenger," FBC, Newton



SUMMER IS GONE — A darkening sun, a deserted picnic road—already the cool winds of September herald the end of Summer. — (RNS Photo)

Brotherhood

That man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brithers be for a' that.
—Robert Burns (1759-1796)

Comparison

Some compare life to a year,
With each changing season
A section of a life.
Others compare it to a day,
With the sun's rising and setting
The first and last of life.
But I ask you,
Can life be compared
To things so long?
Life is more like a fleeting thought
That enters the mind,
Is relished, and then is passed on
For a better one.
—Mark Leggett

Healing Nature

There is the sea below to bathe in,
The air of the sky up hither to breathe,
The sun to infuse the invisible magnetism of his beams. These are the three potent medicines of nature, and they are medicines that by degrees strengthen not only the body but the unquiet mind. — Richard Jeffries (1848-1887)

Verse For The Week

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

—Proverbs 12:15

TO HASTEN TIME

If you want the time to pass quickly, just give your note for ninety days.
—Farmers' Almanack (1797)

Names In The News

First Church, Baldwin has called Gary Cornett, pictured, as minister of music and youth.



He moved from a similar position with the Noxapater Church, Winston County. Mr. Cornett, native of Laurel, is married to the former Pat Stevenson of Louisville. They have a daughter, Wendy, age two. Rev. Leo Barker is the pastor at Baldwin.



William Carey College has two new secretaries in key administrative offices this fall. Shown getting acquainted with their jobs are Mrs. Karen Walker, left, secretary in the Admissions Office, and Mrs. Mary Prach, secretary in the Public Relations Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Sims, recently appointed missionaries to Ghana, began orientation Sept. 10 (address: Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). She is the former Sherry McCraw of Jackson, Miss.



"All This And Tenure Too" smiles William Carey College faculty member Mrs. Evelyn McClure as she begins her 27th year on the Hattiesburg campus. She chats, above, with Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president, as they survey the enormous physical growth of the campus plant since 1946 when Mrs. McClure joined the faculty. She is the only remaining faculty member to be a continuous part of the college since its reopening following World War II and the only one remaining who was on the faculty at the time Dr. Noonkester arrived on the campus in 1952. Mrs. McClure is director of Carey's Home Economics program with offices and laboratories in Crawford Hall, named for Mrs. W. W. Crawford who passed away recently at the age of 93. Mrs. Crawford was a former trustee of the college.

William Micah Ward, father of Mrs. Eugene M. Cross, missionary to the Philippines, died Aug. 27. Mrs. Cross, the former Ardis Ward, is from San Antonio, Tex. Her husband is from Hickory, Miss. They can be addressed at 148 Pinecrest, Apt. 5, San Antonio, Tex. 78209.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Fairwell Jr., missionary associates to Hong Kong on furlough, can be addressed at 199 South Cox St., Memphis, Tenn. 38104. She is the former Rowena Gunter of Sallis, Miss.



Janie Boykin, freshman at Clarke College has been named as one of two recipients of the "Raleigh Corporation Scholarship Award." The scholarship is in the amount of \$250.00 a semester for four semesters. The young co-ed plans a career in elementary education, and she displays a special interest in math. She is a graduate of Raleigh High School and is a member of the Union Church. She is the daughter of H. H. Boykin of Mize.



Two William Carey College Church music majors have been awarded the Clyde C. Bryan Music Scholarship for the 1973-74 school year. The two are posed above from left: Conrad Howell of Pontotoc, and Russell Willingham of Drew. The Bryan music grant has been made available by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Thomas of Hattiesburg.



Rev. Don Nerren, pastor of Mt. Zion Church is seen presenting a plaque to Rev. C. W. Thompson, Sr. on his fiftieth anniversary of preaching. The church also presented him a book of letters from all of his former churches and from some of his close friends.

Richard T. Lister, Jr., is the new minister of music and youth at First Church, Summit. For the past year and a half he was minister of music and youth at First Church, Indiana. Native of Belzoni, he has served in First, Clinton; Isola Church; First, Belzoni; and Boling Methodist Church. He is married to the former Susan Shaw of Memphis and they reside in McComb. Mr. and Mrs. Lister are commuting to Mississippi College twice a week to complete their college work. At Summit, he will also direct the Southwest Mississippi Junior College B. S. U. singing group.

First Church, Hazlehurst recently licensed David Ivy to the gospel ministry. David, a junior at Mississippi College, served this summer as minister of music for Harmony Church, Crystal Springs. Currently he is available for supply preaching. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ivy of Hazlehurst. Rev. George Meadows is Hazlehurst pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Karstens (right) of Jackson, wanted their guests to learn about the 100,000,000 people the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission reaches weekly, so on a return visit to Fort Worth, Texas, they toured the Radio-TV Commission. With them are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dinges (left) of Avoca, Iowa, and Miss Alta Karstens of Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Karstens, senior vice president and property manager of Baners Trust Plaza, was Special Gifts Chairman for Jackson's recent SECOND STEP campaign for the Radio and Television Commission.—Radio-TV Commission Photo by Bonita Sparrow



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Terry Harris Cutrer, pictured, of Pascagoula has been awarded the \$1,000 Deaton Brothers Honorary Scholarship for the current school year at MC. The scholarship was recently established by Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Deaton of Memphis, Tenn., in honor of their three sons who each spent four years at Mississippi College and graduated with distinction. The three sons are the Rev. Norman Smith Deaton, pastor of First Church, Bartow, Fla.; Dr. Thomas Masburn Deaton, professor of history at Georgia College in Milledgeville, Ga.; and Dr. Dorsey Milam Deaton, professor of history and political science at DeKalb College in Atlanta, Ga. Cutrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cutrer, is serving this year as president of the Baptist Student Union on campus.

Dr. Howard E. Spell and Mrs. R. A. McLemore of Clinton will be attending a Convention-wide Baptist Oral History Workshop sponsored by the Historical Commission of the SBC near Nashville, September 27-29. The program, under the leadership of Lynn E. May, Jr., and A. Ronald Tonks of the Historical Commission; Thomas Charleton, director of the Program of Oral History at Baylor University; and Charles Crawford, director of the Oral History Program at Memphis State University, will help participants learn the techniques of collecting Oral History memoirs from important Southern Baptist leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Watts, missionaries, have completed furlough and returned Sept. 16 to Italy (address: Via Susini 6, 50125 Florence, Italy). Native Mississippians, he was born in Phillip and Mrs. Watts, the former Charlotte Lowe, was born in Carthage.

Warren Littleford Dies; Headed State's Baptist Missions

MINNEAPOLIS — The Rev. Warren Littleford, the first Southern Baptist pastor in Minnesota and superintendent of Southern Baptist missions in the state, died here September 10 at the age of 46.

Memorial services were held at Southtown Baptist church, Bloomington, where he was pastor from 1956 to 1966.

Mr. Littleford was superintendent of mission for the Northland Baptist Association, an affiliate of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Under his leadership, the association had developed 20 Southern Baptist churches in the state since 1956.

He was a graduate of Southern Illinois University, where he won varsity letters in football and wrestling, and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



In Memory Of A Young Man Who Died In Vietnam

Gerald Mauney Scholarship Presented

Concord Church, Tippah County, recently presented the Gerald C. Mauney Memorial Scholarship to a Blue Mountain College ministerial student, Larry McCrary. Pictured left to right are, Keith Mauney, brother of Gerald Mauney, Robert Walker, pastor Concord Church, Larry McCrary, and Mrs. T. C. Mauney. (Mr. Mauney was ill and could not be present for the picture.)

The scholarship of \$100.00 was given to the young student at the morning service on August 2. Larry, a senior at BMC, is one of three brothers studying for the ministry and is from Hayti, Mo.

The Gerald C. Mauney Memorial Scholarship was set up by Concord Church to honor the memory of the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mauney of Dry Creek community. Gerald was an outstanding young man who had been in Vietnam only about six weeks before meeting his death in hostile action. Prior to leaving for Vietnam, Gerald had made a definite commitment of his life for fulltime Christian church related service. He was a graduate of Pine Grove High School and attended Northeast Jr. College. Gerald was active in community and church activities and all who knew him can never forget his dedication to his family, community, church and country.

The scholarship funds have rapidly grown to \$2,000 through contributions of friends and the membership of Concord Church. All scholarships will be awarded to students who have felt and made a definite commitment, to fulltime church related service.

Rev. Robert E. Walker, pastor of Concord Church stated, "We feel this is a way we can both honor the memory of Gerald Mauney and also let his influence live on in the lives of others."

Laymen Termed 'Cooperators' By Brazilian Baptist Pastors

CAMPO GRANDE, Brazil — Baptists pastors have done away with laymen in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso.

After deciding that "layman" is an erroneous term for non-ordained church members, the pastors adopted the term "cooperadores" (cooperators).

At the annual Mato Grosso pastors' retreat near here in July, Jose Pereira Lins, a leading national educator and Baptist deacon, explained the history and meaning of the word "layman" as one who is not of the clergy, untrained and by implication, unfit for leadership or responsibility.

The 27 pastors decided that the term was unworthy of the capable persons who lead the majority of the 62 Baptist churches in Mato Grosso, according to Missionary Ben E. Hope. The pastors also decided that the definition of "layman" conflicts with the Baptist doctrine of the competency of every believer to study and interpret the Scripture.

The pastors resolved to refer to non-ordained church members as "cooperadores" in Baptist churches and

While food costs have increased 47 percent since 1952, the average worker has enjoyed pay raises of more than 140 percent, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

publications of their state and to encourage other Brazilian Baptists to use the term.

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Georgia Foundation Records \$442,716 Gift From Estate

ATLANTA (BP)—Georgia Baptist Children's Homes will benefit from proceeds of a \$442,716 estate, the largest single gift in the 30-year history of the Georgia Baptist Foundation.

The gift came from the estate of the late Edward Seitzinger, a Conley, Ga., metals dealer, who died in 1970. His wife died this spring.

In Or Near Mississippi

Spring Street, USA Schedule

Location	TV Station	Day	Time
Alexandria, La.	KALB—Ch. 5	Sunday	5:00 p.m.
Baton Rouge, La.	WBRT—Ch. 33	Sunday	10:30 p.m.
Greenwood, Ms.	WABG—Ch. 6	Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Hattiesburg, Ms.	WDAM—Ch. 7	Sunday	7:30 a.m.
Jackson, Ms.	WAPT—Ch. 16	Saturday	6:30 p.m.
Shreveport, La.	KTBS—Ch. 3	Monday	7:00 a.m.

'PRAYER AMENDMENT' WILL BE REINTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Rep. William H. Hudnut (R-Ind.), a United Presbyterian clergyman who pastored a congregation until he was elected to Congress last Fall, has announced his intention to co-sponsor a "prayer amendment" to the U.S. Constitution in Congress this Fall.

In explaining the reason for this action, he said that "three court decisions have deemed that prayers in our schools, whether voluntary, non-denominational or otherwise, are a violation of Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution."

Calling this a "misinterpretation" of the Constitution, Mr. Hudnut commented that "the first fundamental principle of our free society was the right of every individual to worship God in his own way. To deny our youth, their teachers, and their counselors the privilege of a communal exercise of their allegiance to God as well as to country is a rejection of our most constant source of power and strength."

Nine bills calling for prayer in public buildings were introduced in the 93rd Congress during the first two weeks of its 1973 session.

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Phoenix, AZ	KOOL - Ch. 10	11:00 am	Greenville, NC	WNCT - Ch. 9	7:00 pm
Little Rock, AR	KARK - Ch. 4	6:30 am	Charleston, SC	WCSC - Ch. 5	12:00 n
Bakersfield, CA	KJTV - Ch. 17	10:30 am	Columbia, SC	WOLC - Ch. 25	1:00 pm
Panama City, FL	WDTB - Ch. 13	10:30 am	Spartanburg, SC	WSPA - Ch. 7	8:00 am
Tampa/St. Pete, FL	WLKY - Ch. 10	7:15 am	Nashville, TN	WLAC - Ch. 5	11:00 pm
Atlanta, GA	WSB - Ch. 2	8:00 am	Alexandria, TX	KTXS - Ch. 12	9:30 pm
Savannah, GA	WTOG - Ch. 11	10:30 pm	Abilene, TX	KFDA - Ch. 10	9:30 pm
Lexington, KY	WBLG - Ch. 62	11:30 pm	Corpus Christi, TX	KIII - Ch. 3	5:00 pm
Louisville, KY	WLKY - Ch. 32	8:00 am	Dallas, TX	WFAA - Ch. 8	7:30 am
Alexandria, LA	KALB - Ch. 5	5:00 pm	Fort Worth, TX	KTVT - Ch. 11	10:30 am
Baton Rouge, LA	WBRT - Ch. 33	10:30 pm	Lubbock, TX	KLBK - Ch. 13	9:30 am
Monroe, LA	KNOC - Ch. 8	10:00 pm	San Antonio, TX	KSAT - Ch. 12	2:00 p.m.
Shreveport, LA	KTBS - Ch. 3	7:00 am	Wichita Falls, TX	KAUZ - Ch. 6	9:30 pm
Greenwood, MS	WABG - Ch. 6	8:00 am	Harrisburg, VA	WSVA - Ch. 3	11:00 pm
Hattiesburg, MS	WDAM - Ch. 7	7:30 am	Norfolk, VA	WAVY - Ch. 10	10:00 am
Jackson, MS	WAPT - Ch. 16	6:30 pm	Richmond, VA	WWBT - Ch. 12	8:00 am
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Paul Writes Of Good News For Sinners

By Clifton J. Allen
Romans 1:1 to 2:16

We should keep in mind the overall theme of this course, "The Gospel According to Paul." The remaining lessons of the course, save the last one, are from Paul's letter to the Romans. This letter is the fullest and clearest treatment in the New Testament of the truth about salvation. It is logical in content and development; it is missionary in spirit; it pulsates with life because it interprets the experience of Paul himself and because it rings with the reality of his proclaiming the gospel in the power of the Spirit. Paul was in Corinth when he wrote the letter to the Romans, about A. D. 58. We begin with the truth that the gospel is good news for sinners. This is the right place to begin if we are to understand the gospel.

The Lesson Explained The Righteousness Of God Verses 16-17

Paul declared that he was not ashamed of the gospel. Rather, he gloried in it. He had confidence in its power. It is the dynamic of God

for salvation. The gospel is universal, for the Jew and the Greek, that is, for all people; and for "every one that believeth" it becomes in one's life the power of divine love, the power of moral strength, even the power of the living Spirit. But here Paul emphasizes that the gospel is a revelation of the righteousness of God. This is righteousness inherent in the being of God but offered to men as a gift on condition of faith in Jesus Christ. This faith is trust in and full commitment to Christ. It is "from faith to faith," that is, it is all of faith and nothing more. It begins with faith and leads on to deeper faith. This righteousness, however, which is a gift of God, is meant to produce righteousness in the Christian, a righteousness which not only sets the Christian right with God but is demonstrated in a life of upright conduct and kingdom service.

Mankind Without Excuse Verses 18-23

Man is a sinner and is under condemnation because of his sin. God's wrath is being revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness. Paul treats this first in relation to the pagan or Gentile world, though it applies equally to Jews, as we learn

from chapter 2. This wrath does not mean vindictive wrath but righteous wrath, the wrath of righteous love. It is wrath nonetheless. The pagan world is lost not because people have not had light but because they have not followed the light they had. While God's revelation in nature is incomplete, it is enough for men to have responded. Yet they have neither glorified God nor given thanks. As a result they became vain in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. In their senseless folly they turned to idols instead of God. The essence of sin is turning away from God and the effort to make something or someone or oneself the god of life; and this is fatal. We ought not to think of God as becoming mad with rage or having any desire for revenge. His holiness demands that he take issue with sin and that he deal with the ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.

Given Up To Sin Verses 24-25

These verses and the remaining part of the chapter paint the darkest picture of sin to be found in the Bible. Paul had chiefly in mind the pagan world and the people who did not have the law of God. Sins of flesh

and sins of spirit are joined together. They should not be separated, for they are both sins of the one person and both heinous in the sight of God. Three times Paul uses the expression, "God gave them up" (vv. 24, 26, 28)—the same word in each instance. This is the outcome of turning away from God. The result of sin is sin itself. It brings its own curse of suffering and sorrow and ruin and destruction. In verses 24-25 Paul stresses the outcome in terms of uncleanness. Men are given up to the lust of their hearts. They dishonor their bodies and degrade them in immorality. By so doing they try to change the truth of God into a lie. They put the creature before the Creator. When men violate God's purpose in sex, they make that which is holy to be unholy. And they reap the consequences in the corruption and enslavement and wickedness of their own passions. Verses 26-32 describe further the awful lengths to which the life of sin will go and the depths to which a person may sink in sin. It is this condition of the unregenerate world which makes so obvious the spiritual plight and moral ruin of people apart from Christ, of persons without his salvation.

Observe Navy Sabbath October 12-14!

The Naval Reserve Association, in cooperation with other member associations of the Navy-Marine Corps Council, requests that churches in Mississippi consider the observance of Navy Sabbath during the period October 12-14.

The theme for this year's observance is "Those at Home Also Serve," and is designed to express appreciation for the wives, sweethearts, and loved ones of those in the armed services.

The safe return home of the thousands of POW's during the past year was a moving, happy experience for them... for their families, and for the millions of Americans who shared their tearful reunions on television. Everyone seemed to rejoice with them and everyone unwittingly caught a glimpse of the heavy price paid by the men's families during those long years of separation: The responsibility for raising a family without a father... the loss to a parent of the joy of seeing his child's green years; the endless hours, days and years of anxiety for wives, mothers and relatives who never knew if they waited in vain.

Not shown in all these programs was the heartbreak of those families whose men did not return.

Both these groups have given much to their country. Newspapers and TV have since recorded all too vividly

some of the many readjustment problems those same families are experiencing. The price is still being exacted.

It is the essence of the Armed Forces' role to provide security for our nation in time of peace as well as war. As keepers of the peace they continue in a role that requires long absences, uprooting and moves. The price is still being paid and always will be.

Recognition and gratitude by the public, those being protected, is the least that can be expected. For those at home also serve!

October 12-14 is a time to remember those true patriots of the Navy and Marine Corps who have dedicated their lives to guard and defend the liberties which we as a nation enjoy.

Suggested hymns are "God Bless Our Native Land," "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand," "America," and the Navy Hymn (also titled "Eternal Father Strong to Save"). Suggested Scripture texts are John 15:13, Psalm 54:23; Psalm 24:1; I Peter 5:6; Philippians 4:7; Psalm 26:1 and Ephesians 6:10.

A pamphlet concerning the observance of Navy Sabbath is available on request from Naval Reserve Association, 1913 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

When Malachi Began To Preach, Religion Had Gone Stale

By Bill Duncan
Malachi 2:17-3:18

How does stale bread taste? To one who has tasted fresh homemade bread that has just come out of the oven, it does not taste as good. Many people in our world do not know the difference. They have grown up eating what they could get.

There are many people that have become accustomed to religion that does not really satisfy. They go through the ritual of religion but their heart is not in the experience. They even accuse religion of being hard and demanding. But what they need is a fresh experience with God to remind them of what the Christian life is all about.

When Malachi began to preach, religion had really gone stale in Jerusalem. The high hopes of the people that had returned from exile had been exhausted. The people had their zeal based upon faith and conviction. Economic depression, because of poor crops, had produced skepticism. The religious leaders had become corrupt. The worship in the temple had become a meaningless form or ritual. Everyone seemed to be complaining but no one was willing to do anything about it.

The messenger of God advocated a deep-seated repentance because the people had suffered the loss of reverence and conviction. The sign of such losses can be illustrated by the sacrifices the people brought. Instead of the perfect animals for offerings of sacrifice, the people were bringing the halt, the torn, the lame and the blind.

How can you tell religion has gone stale in a church? Some believe that the financial giving of the people will indicate the interest and commitment to the Lord and His church. Some people realize that the fresh "sweet, sweet spirit" is gone but do not know how to get it back. The symptoms are obvious in loss of love for God's word, poor fellowship among the people, and souls not being saved.

How can we return to a fresh experience that will satisfy the soul and cause the life to be right?

Malachi came to remind the people of God's love. It is significant that the Old Testament closes with the appeal: "I have loved you." The charge brought against the inhabitants of Jerusalem was that they had disregarded that love and had robbed God of the love and loyalty that was due him as well as the life of service that

should grow out of that love and loyalty. He represented a God who still loved and who was willing to forgive his sinful people. If the people would return to God, bring in tithes and prove God, they would see the rich blessings that he would pour out upon the land. Obedient loyalty would bring the richest blessings such as material blessings, spiritual blessings, the good will of neighboring people. The greatest promise was the coming of the Son of righteousness with healing in his wings.

The people of Jerusalem had spoken words that wearied the Lord. They had insulted the Lord by charging that God delighted in evil people and even rewarded them. Also, they kept asking the wrong questions, ones that created doubt and loss of faith in the goodness of God.

The people of Jerusalem had robbed God of their tithes and offering. This was an overt act of ignoring the truth of their covenant with God. The acts of tithing and giving would have expressed love and thanksgiving, which the Lord wanted.

The prophet proceeded to challenge the people: Put God to the test. You keep your part of the bargain and see if God will not keep his part. The

loss of crops and other economic problems was not because of God's unconcern but because of the failure on the part of the people to love the Lord.

The loss of reverence and conviction about sin is in our generation too. It is not that the people do not have a need for God. It seems that our generation is out of touch with God. There is a feeling that what one does either good or bad makes no real difference.

In the struggle of the life of faith many people have decided to start over fresh with God. They have made resolutions including attending church more faithfully, giving more systematically and witnessing more intensely. But before long something happens. Family illness, extra bills come in and personal problems cause the neglect of the church. Religion goes stale!

What everyone seemed to have lost, some recovered. In that recovery was the joy of the Lord. In the loss of reverence and conviction, the central loss was the loss of self. When we repent and turn once more to the Lordship of Christ, we find reverence for God, conviction to do right and our true selves as sons in the Father's House.

Professor Leaves Mark On Education In Mexico

By E. Richard Steel

Baptist representative to Mexico
MEXICO CITY — Dr. LeRoy Ford turned the problem of a student strike he encountered as a guest professor at the National Autonomous University of Mexico here into an opportunity to instruct the professors in educational methods.

When Ford, religious education professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., arrived with his family in February, the university was closed because of a student strike.

For eight weeks the faculty of the university's Center of Didactics met in homes while the strike continued. Ford helped the instructors develop basic study units, thereby improving the quality of instruction in the classroom. The center is responsible for in-service training for all departments of the university.

The university, one of the largest in the world, has more than 120,000 students and a faculty of 10,000. The influence of the university extends to nearly every other university in Mexico.

Circumstances leading to Ford's relationship with the Mexican university are rather unusual.

On a family vacation to Acapulco in August 1971, Ford's car broke down 20 miles south of Mexico City. While waiting for the car to be repaired, Ford visited the university, inquiring about the school of education and their program for teacher training.

Ford was sent to the Center of Didactics, where he met Alfonso Bernal, general director of the center.

For several hours, Ford and Bernal discussed, in their respective limited Spanish and English, the university's program for teaching training. At the end of the conversation, Bernal suggested Ford plan to spend part of his sabbatical at the university. After several months of correspondence, the formal invitation was extended.

Ford spent two weeks with the trainers of the faculty of medicine, helping them develop self-instructional units designed to decrease the amount of time spent in the classroom.

He developed six papers on various aspects of teacher training, including course descriptions, learning activities, objectives, and instruction on directive writing or teacher's guides. After being translated into Spanish,

these papers will be distributed to all the universities in Mexico.

Perhaps one of Ford's most important contributions is the guidance he gave in developing a master plan for administering the total in-service training program for professors.

A number of Ford's books, written for training in religious education, have been translated into Spanish and are being used as texts in several universities in Mexico.

Ford observed that he had complete freedom in his work. Though the situation is secular, his books are written in a religious context and contain biblical quotations and illustrations.

A young doctor attended several weeks of conferences at the medical school. During the conferences Ford expressed the opinion that person could learn something outside the realm of the senses.

The doctor spent that afternoon with his priest and they found another scripture reference to verify this idea. At the end of the conference, this young man stood to say in both English and Spanish that the conferences started as "an adventure in learning and turned out to be an adventure in faith."

Ford has also participated in programs and conferences with Mexican Baptists. During a religious education institute which attracted more than 170 Mexicans, he taught a course on the principles of teaching. He taught at another institute in Guadalajara which included both pastors and laymen. He also worked with the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary in a curriculum design workshop.

The university has invited Ford to return to Mexico in 1974 for a week of special lectures. Plans have been made for the director of the Center of Didactics to visit Texas and have conferences with several educational leaders there, under Ford's direction.

Other plans to involve Ford on a continuing basis with the university include the writing of other materials, work on special projects and special lectures.

The student strike may soon be forgotten, but the impact that Ford made on the philosophy of education in Mexico will linger indefinitely.



Leroy Ford, (left), religious education professor at Southwestern Seminary, talks with Heriberto Guillen, a chemistry student at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City.

Church With Problems

You won't believe this, but let me tell you about a church that had problems and yet was able to reach thousands for Christ.

It was located in the wrong place and most of the people in the city looked on the members with scorn and ridicule.

They didn't have a building in which to meet.

They were limited financially—most of the members were poor and the church was constantly on the verge of poverty.

The members of the church were not trained for the jobs they were having to do.

Their membership was small—only 120.

The treasurer had just run off with the money and sold out to the devil.

Their new leader had a way of putting his foot in his mouth and was constantly making people mad with him. Besides this, he could "cuss like a sailor."

One of their leaders was a constant troublemaker, always having to be shown.

Two of the leaders (brothers no less) had no spiritual depth—only enthusiasm.

People in the city looked at the church in scorn and called them a bunch of radicals—fanatics—holly rollers.

There were divisions among the members and several were forced to leave and move elsewhere.

The one thing this church did have was the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

It was the First Church of Jerusalem. Its history is recorded in the book of Acts.

Oh yes, with all these problems this church still baptized 3,000 after its first revival services.

—Miles City Messenger

Orientation For New Ministers Of Music

Each year several ministers of music come from other states to serve with Mississippi churches. On October 15 the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will host these ministers of music, as well as new music faculty members of the Baptist colleges, in an orientation and fellowship meeting at the Baptist Building.

The meeting, to begin at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts, will include a slide presentation of Mississippi highlights, a tour of the Baptist Building, and a review of the work of the various departments carried on by Mississippi Baptists. The meeting will conclude with a luncheon in the "Sky Room" of the Baptist Building.

Any minister of music or music faculty member who has come to Mississippi since last January is invited to this orientation meeting. Those planning to attend should notify the Church Music Department, Baptist Building, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms., 39205, by October 10.

Joining the new ministers of music for the luncheon will be Mississippi composers and arrangers who will participate in an afternoon music reading session, in which these composers will be honored.

A "Teflon" coated fry pan big enough to cook 50 dozen eggs at one time, was recently used at the Central Maine Egg Festival in Pittsfield, Maine.

Check This List ... You May Be Next!

Next Week's Schedule ... Pastor-Church Training Director Conferences

"What's New For 1973-74"

Association	Meeting Place	Conference Leader
October 1, Monday		
George Association	Agricola Church	Norman A. Rodgers
Hinds-Madison Asso.	Morrison Heights Church	Clyde Hall
Lincoln Association	Macedonia Church	Bob McKee
Simpson Association	Simpson Baptist Center	Bill Latham
Winston Association	South Louisville Church	Kermit S. King
October 2, Tuesday		
Chickasaw Association	Parkway Baptist Church	Kermit S. King
Copiah Association	Shady Grove Church	Bob McKee
Jeff Davis Association	Dublin Church	Norman A. Rodgers
Montgomery Association	Union Church	Bill Latham
Warren Association	Bowmar Avenue Church	Clyde Hall
October 4, Thursday		
Carroll Association	Vaiden Church	Bill Latham
Hinds-Madison Asso.	Ridgecrest Church	Clyde Hall
Jasper Association	Union Seminary Church	Kermit S. King
Newton Association	Hickory Church	Bill Hardy

Newton 6:30 p.m. Others 7:30 p.m.

Conference Leaders

Clyde Hall, account executive and assistant to president, PRO, Inc., Dallas, Texas; Bill Hardy, minister of education, First Church, Kosciusko; Bob McKee, minister of education, Broadmoor Church, Jackson; Kermit S. King, Norman Rodgers, and Bill Latham, Mississippi Church Training Department.

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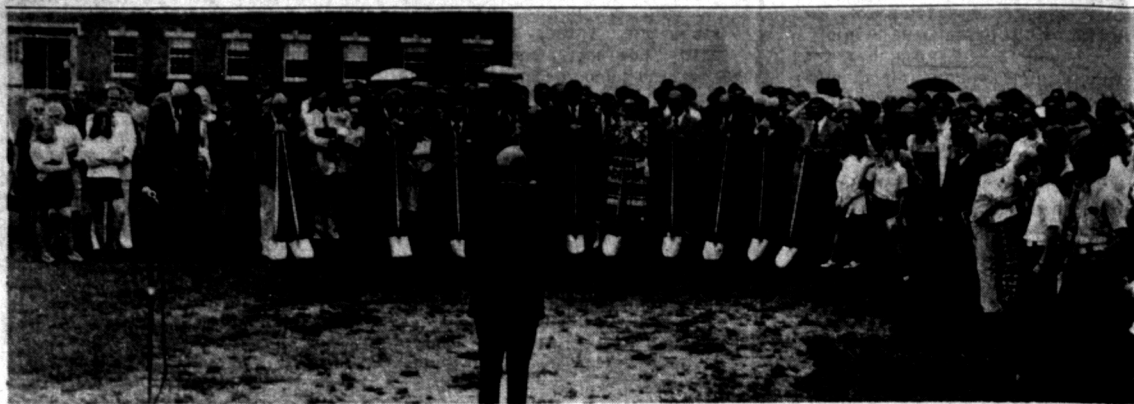
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Pastor Emeritus Speaks At McComb Groundbreaking

A ground breaking ceremony was held September 9 for the new sanctuary of First Church, McComb. The picture shows Dr. Wyatt R. Hunter, pastor emeritus, addressing members of the church family following the

morning worship hour. Paul Jackson of Brookhaven is the contractor, and estimated time is one year. Rev. Robert Hanvey is associate pastor.



Rowe C. Holcomb Library Is Dedicated

First Church, Hazlehurst has completely refurbished its library and has named it the Rowe C. Holcomb Library, in honor of Mr. Holcomb, pastor of the church for 21 years—1949 until 1970. August 26 was special Dedication Day for the library. Pictured are the Library Committee. Front row, l to r: Mrs. Toxie Givens, Jr., Mrs. Ray Flowers, Mrs. Ralph Beall, Mrs. J. R. Stingily. Back row, l to r: Hollis Harrell, Bill Smith, E. E. Randle. Rev. George E. Meadows is the pastor.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — At their annual meeting, Baptist churches in Costa Rica voted by a large majority to limit the budget of the National Baptist Convention to the amount of actual income from the member churches. The convention's budget had previously been subsidized by funds from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The churches also invited the Baptist Mission to enter into a "program of mature partnership" for Christian work in Costa Rica. "We will work with less funds but more dignity," said convention president David Guevara.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Situated in an area referred to by a local newspaper as "Abidjan's Sunset Strip" is a new attraction, La Bonne Nouvelle (Good News), a one-room store building converted to a Baptist reading room and weekend coffeehouse. **Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss.**, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, delivered the dedication message for the center. Arthur Blesitt, minister of the Sunset Strip in Hollywood, Calif., toured the area and spoke to a crowd of 350 people in front of La Bonne Nouvelle.

Dr. Clark To Be Full-Time Consultant In Higher Education

Dr. Woodrow W. Clark, who has served for five years as Director of Institutional Research for Mississippi College and is in his third year as acting dean of the Graduate School, will give all of his time to assisting colleges and universities in their operational problems beginning October 1.

Dean Clark has an outstanding reputation in the State and throughout the South for his expertise in the researching and developing of college facilities and in the planning of programs of college plant use. He has published several volumes of data on plant administration, the best known of which was published by the State Building Commission under the title *A Manual for Educational Facilities Analysis*, which has had wide use by colleges and universities across the nation, and which has been "written up" and placed in school administration bibliographies issued by the U.S. Office of Education.

Dr. Clark's home office will be at 101 West Leake, Clinton; and for the next several months the State of Mississippi will provide him an office as a special consultant at 1501 Walter Sillers State Office Building, Jackson.

The first cosmetic to be packaged in a collapsible metal tube was Evans' Cucumber Jelly, produced and marketed in Philadelphia in 1865.

"People who live in glass houses, might as well answer the door bell." — Duane C. Griggs, New London (Iowa) Journal.

Reconstruction Project Brings New Ministry In Paris

Dedication services held this summer officially launched a new concept of ministry as well as a new building for the Point du Jour Baptist church in Paris. Along with an attractive, well-arranged worship center, the church opened a new era.

The building houses also a Youth and Service Center providing living quarters for nearly 50 young people—students, workers and Center employees. It also provides a spiritual emphasis reaching out into the community with an arm of love and compassion.

A few years ago, the church was faced with the problem of a deteriorating building. Expansion space was unavailable, and if found it would have been at prohibitive cost.

The ancient building was completely dismantled. In its place now stands a gleaming, modern seven-story tower. At the top is the apartment of Pastor Jules Thobois' family. At

ground floor are administrative offices, caretaker's quarters and the main dining room.

In between are several floors of one-and two-person flats. Two entire floors are reserved for female occupants. Each level has a resident floor monitor who is a committed Christian.

Other occupants are not required to make any statement of faith, but only to abide by house regulations. These certainly reflect a Christian life-style in their moral emphasis but there is no "hard-sell" approach to faith here. It is hoped that by Christians sharing their faith and witness, non-believers will be influenced however.

The two lower floors are both below ground level. One contains the kitchen and a combination breakfast room and lounge. This may open onto the worship area for space needs.

The "worship center" is two stories underground. But with its sky-

light, up-to-date ventilation and aeration and its remarkable adaptability, it is nothing like a catacombs.

This multi-walled room can be divided by partitions, its pulpit area completely curtained off, a screen lowered and films projected from a booth at the rear of the room.

Such adaptability will be utilized to attract outsiders to films, discussions and conference programmes where a "churchy" atmosphere need not prevail. Once contacted, they will be invited to return for other events of a pronounced Christian viewpoint.

The dining area can serve up to 200 persons at mealtimes. It will function as a semi-public restaurant with special appeal to young people who work in the quarter but who cannot afford its expensive, elegant restaurants. For this is an affluent district.

During construction, the church met at a mission site in another section of Paris. It plans to continue its outreach there through worship activities and a Coffee Bar.

At the recent dedication service, representatives from Christian groups, from Pentecostals to Catholics, brought greetings and words of encouragement in the new task.

Especially meaningful was the Bible presentation. When the old building was razed, a large Bible dating from the year 1560 was discovered. Through a gift to the congregation, it was rebound and now will serve as the pulpit Bible.

Financing of the building programme was effected through a building fund, special gifts, legacies, and, for the residential and restaurant sections, by government aid.

It seems no wonder that there is already a long waiting list of prospective residents, nor that the congregation faces its future with eager spiritual confidence. For, whether through community social services or through prayer retreats or through evangelistic meetings, the church plans to seize each opportunity to proclaim the gospel.

Devotional

Faith Is The Victory

I John 5:4, 11-13

By Gus Merritt, Pastor, First, Lexington

Many people do not have complete joy today because they feel defeated. So many of us have been overcome by the problems of the world rather than having overcome the problems of the world through faith.

A basic fact is stated in I John 5:4. We are told, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. . . . The fact that we are born of God means total victory. In other words, the victory is ours and we need to claim it by faith.

Encamped along the hills of light,
Ye Christian soldiers rise,
And press the battle ere the night
Shall veil the glowing skies;
Against the foe in vales below,
Let all our strength be hurled;
Faith is the victory, we know,
That overcomes the world
Faith is the victory!
Faith is the victory!
Oh, glorious victory
That overcomes the world.

This victory is based upon the fact that we possess the Victor, Jesus Christ. He is the Overcomer indwelling us, enabling us to overcome. God gives eternal life to every believer and eternal life means victory.

Every temptation which comes to you Christ has already overcome. The Bible says He has overcome every one of them. The temptations Satan used to confront Jesus following His baptism are the three categories of all temptation. John in his first epistle tells us their heading when he says, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:16). The temptation to make stones into bread was an appeal to the lust of the flesh. The appeal to fall down and worship Satan in exchange for the kingdoms of the world is the lust of the eyes. The appeal to jump from the pinnacle of the temple is the pride of life. Jesus was victorious and so are we when our faith is in Him.

Pleas For Help

"Dear Whoever You Are," the letter began. One of thousands from listeners to "Powerline," the half-hour radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, the letter was from a young woman in Chicago. "Powerline's" trained counselors reply personally to each letter and remind writers, just as the program reminds listeners, that God is not out-of-date, nor is He dead.

Baptist Work "Down Under"

By Robert Witty, President
Luther Rice Seminary

A month of ministry throughout New Zealand and in New South Wales and Queensland, Australia, gave me new appreciation both for these "down under" Baptists and also for Southern Baptists.

In both these countries the unique contribution of Southern Baptists in evangelism, in church organization, and in enlistment is deeply respected. Without minimizing their English tradition, leaders expressed gratitude for Southern Baptist influence. The growth of "all age" Sunday Schools began with the visit of Dr. W. L.

Howze. Evangelism in New Zealand took new dimensions through the work of Dr. Charles Killough. The mission led by Dr. W. Ross Edwards and followed by others has had lasting influence.

Both New Zealand and Australia have initiated federal Evangelism Departments. The Southern Baptist WIN program has stimulated each country to make its own national adaptations. A groundswell of lay evangelism appears in both countries.

Though held in bondage to English academic procedures, the theological colleges offer training at a very high level. Always strong in Bible study,



Workmen begin putting finishing touches on Alta Woods Church's new Family Center, which will be dedicated at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 30. First planned program in the new building will be a Family Night from 7-9:30 p.m. Oct. 5.

Alta Woods To Dedicate Family Center

Alta Woods Church will dedicate its new Family Center September 30. Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor, has announced. Dedication service will be at 2:30 p.m. on the new building's parking lot.

The dedication service will be followed by an open house during which the building will be open for tours and equipment on display. A second open house period is planned from 7-9:30 p.m. Oct. 1.

Built at a cost of about \$380,000, the new facility has a dual purpose, said Dr. Myers. It is aimed both at providing a place for Christian activities for the church family as well as leading the lost to Christ through the activities ministry.

their conservative theological position is being strengthened by a stronger emphasis upon practical aspects of the pastorate. Dr. Craig Skinner, trained in Southern Baptist institutions, is the new head of this department in Queensland. There is great interest in forms of external education.

Unlike the United States, ordination requires at least four years of theological training. Naturally this limits the number of ministers but eliminates the untrained pastor problem.

Basically all ministers receive the same salary regardless of the size of the church. Churches are relatively small. Outreach is a new awakening. Training for membership is universally required.

Nothing encouraged me so much as the deep impression that a sincere spirit of Evangelism was beginning to motivate pastors and people to penetrate their communities and their nations with the gospel.

vide for pool, table tennis and many other table games. Just off the lobby will be a physical fitness room with weight - lifting equipment and exercise equipment, a stereo - television room and kitchen - snack bar.

The gymnasium, which features a hard maple floor, electronic timer and scoreboard, bleacher seating for 56 and fiberglass motorized backboards, will accommodate two volleyball or badminton games simultaneously, a regulation tennis court or about 125 for roller skating in addition to basketball and other games.

Also located on the lower floor will be a handball court, dressing rooms and office space. The handball court is the second regulation handball court (with four walls and a ceiling) in Jackson. A special feature of the dressing room areas is a sauna.

The second floor of the new building has two assembly rooms and eight classrooms to be used in the church's education program. A ceramics room with kiln and a room to be used for decoupage, sewing and other arts and crafts activities.

Recreational activities planned in the new building are roller skating, basketball, volleyball, handball, tennis, table tennis, pool, exercise classes and individual exercising.

Instructional classes will be offered in ceramics, decoupage, painting, flower arranging, Christmas decorations, tennis, basketball, golf, softball, coaching and refereeing and sewing.

Special activities planned include a Business Men's Hour, Family Nights, Youth Nights and senior adult events.

Directing the Family Center and its program is Scotty Shows, minis-

ter of youth and activities at AWBC. A native of Brookhaven, Shows has been with Alta Woods Church since June, 1972.

Carriage Hills Calls First Associate In Education

Carriage Hills Church, Southaven, has recently called J. Allen Tyner as its first associate in education and outreach. The church, although only seven years old, has experienced outstanding growth, from 89 members in 1966 to 900 in 1973. A year and a half ago, the church called its first full-time minister of music, Roddy Simmons. Rev. J. B. Miller is the pastor.

Allen Tyner has moved to Carriage Hills Church after three and a half years as minister of music and education at First Church, New Albany. During his second year at New Albany, the music ministry there was rated among the best in the state.

Tyner has served churches in Tupelo, Chalmette, Louisiana, Jackson, and Hollandale. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and has attended New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Brenda Kilgore of Indianola, and they have one son, age 4.

"Everyone shuns trouble," unless it comes disguised as money." — Dale Hordridge, The Langford (S.D.) Bugle.

Off The Record

Seeing Is Believing

Returning home from his first day at school, Andy told his mother he was the best-looking boy in the class. His mother asked him who told him that, and he replied, "No one had to tell me — I saw everyone there!"

Rescue Squad, Please

Child calling to Mother, as Daddy snores: "Hurry, Mommy! Daddy's boiling over!"

Fair Enough

A church bulletin said of the Ten Commandments: "You've seen the film. Now read the book."

Notice in a church bulletin: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. He also accepteth from a groucher."

Two small boys were standing together when a very pretty little girl walked by. One of the boys said fervently to his pal: "When I stop hating girls, she's the one I'll stop hating first."

Man to headwaiter: "Did the waiter who took my order leave a family?"

Insurance Draft - - -

(Continued from page 1)

on Aug. 29, 1972, according to a report in the Indiana Baptist, the convention's statewide news publication. Auditors set the total loss at \$84,199.94, not including \$11,350 in auditor's fees to reconstruct 1971 and 1972 bookkeeping records, which had not been maintained or could not be located.

The \$50,000 bank draft issued by the Insurance Company of North America listed the "claimant" as "Lislotte Sego," according to the Indiana Baptist, and noted that the payment was for "mishandling of funds."

Mrs. Sego first joined the Indiana convention staff as a secretary in February, 1961, and was a bookkeeper when Moore terminated her employment on Sept. 29, 1972, because of "extremely poor performance related to 1971 records."

The 1971 audit from reconstructed records, presented to a called meeting of the Indiana convention's executive board on Oct. 31, 1972, listed \$14,510 as "undocumented disbursements."

Year-Of Evangelism

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

Witnessing Dividends
By R. Othel Feather
Retired Professor
Southwestern Seminary

I was trying to find a pair of shoes when in Shreveport, Louisiana for an engagement. The shoe salesman's voice and facial features seemed familiar. It was evident that he was also trying to identify me.

After trying on several shoes each of us recognized the other, simultaneously, with a greeting comparable to two long lost brothers being reunited. My first statement was, "Lloyd, you had better be doing something worthwhile for the Lord. I related the story of your conversion last night in a local Baptist church of your city." His reply was, "Well I'm trying as a deacon. My wife and I are in charge of the young adult Sunday School department and our young son and daughter are already active Christians."

Fifteen years earlier in another state the pastor and I had witnessed to Lloyd. He was then single and a promising young business man. We were unsuccessful in our effort to win him and he became somewhat aloof and rather unapproachable.

About three years before our initial witness to Lloyd, I had led a young woman, Kathryn, to Christ. During her first two

years as a Christian she had won her father and three girl friends to Christ. She and Lloyd were good friends. In fact, he had remarked that she was the best Christian of his age he had ever known.

However, by this time Kathryn had begun to compromise some of her Christian convictions. Because of this she came to me, the minister of education, requesting that she be relieved of her leadership responsibilities in our youth program.

After a brief conference and some tears of reeducation on her part, she agreed to continue in her position of leadership and use her best influence for winning Lloyd to Christ. Within three weeks Lloyd came to my office, unannounced, indicating he wanted to become a Christian. He volunteered the fact that Kathryn had made him aware of his real spiritual need.

It was a glorious experience for me to witness to Lloyd again and observe his genuine response to the claims of Christ that day in my office.

The rich dividends for witnessing are like compound interest—Kathryn, her father and others, Lloyd, his family - and others, etc. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls." — Prov. 11:30.